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ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

August 2, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM:

GORDON STRACHAN

SUBJECT:

John Connally/Frank Sinatra

Chapin seeks the answers to two questions concerning John Connally and the Democrats for Nixon.

First, do you have any indication that Connally will participate? If he will participate, should Barry Goldwater introduce him?

Second, should Frank Sinatra be announced with the other Democrats for Nixon on Monday?

_____ Yes, announce Sinatra.

_____ No, delay announcing Sinatra.

_____ Other.

GS/jb

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 7/31

TO:

DWIGHT CHAPIN

FROM:

GORDON STRACHAN

Per our conversation.

*Gould
Keep asking
Bob to hit
Connolly!*

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

To
C.

July 28, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. H. R. HALDEMAN
FROM: DWIGHT L. CHAPIN

Bill Timmons indicates that Barry Goldwater is very concerned about what role he is going to play in the Convention. Evidently, he is getting a lot of static from the more Conservative element on the Hill as to whether or not the President is going to ignore him, or whether he will be participating this year.

Barry evidently called Timmons and suggested that since Nelson was doing the nominating speech perhaps Barry should do a seconding speech. Timmons asked our recommendation as to whether we could have Barry give a two-to-four minute seconding speech and then go with our eight other seconders. The thought here is that with Nelson nominating and Barry seconding with the first speech, we would have the President positioned in the middle. It was also a face-saving device for Barry. We think it destroys our whole seconding concept of using eight people and switching around the Hall.

The best slot for Barry is to have him introduce Connally - if indeed we get Connally. Question - do you have any indication that Connally will participate?

Not yet

July 27, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN
FROM: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS *BT*
SUBJECT: '72 Convention - Barry Goldwater

I believe I can convince the Arizona Senator to give a seconding address for the President, following Rockefeller's nomination. Goldwater has sent hard signals that he is being overlooked. I believe having Nelson -- representing the liberal wing -- and Barry -- as the conservative spokesman -- will show the unity deserved by the President. It will also take care of our problem finding a suitable slot for Goldwater. We could still go to the floor for other seconding speeches as we originally planned.

I gather some conservatives are concerned that their ole enemy Rockefeller has a post, but their standard bearer doesn't. If this recommendation is acceptable, we should lock it up and let Goldwater put it out soon to shortstop possible right wing complaints.

You will recall we are currently discussing Barry for a speech before the Democrats-for-Nixon or as the Introducer for the President or Vice President.

If you approve, I should set it up with Barry first and then ask the President to call the Senator personally to ask.

Please advise soonest.

Copy to:
Dwight Chapin

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

August 2, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM:

GORDON STRACHAN

SUBJECT:

Harry Dent -- Wallace Information

Harry Dent called one of Wallace's chief aides, Charles Snider, on August 1. Dent was under the impression that Connally had approached Wallace about a possible appearance to testify on the platform at the Republican Convention. Snider indicated to Dent that the Governor would be very pleased to receive a formal invitation. He doubted Wallace would appear but might like to send a statement or representative.

Tom Turnipseed, who announced he would continue to press for a Wallace draft, has been completely ousted from the Wallace organization. Turnipseed and Peter Beater were receiving encouragement from Cornelia Wallace. Snider told Dent that George Wallace had "instructed Cornelia not to talk with Turnipseed or Beater again". Snider also said the Wallace people liked Dent very, very much and would continue to call him.

Snider is interested in working with Connally on the Democrats for the President. Should Colson be asked to contact Snider through Dent?

_____ Yes, Snider to be contacted.

_____ No, Connally is handling alone.

_____ Other.

GS/jb

D. - Conner.

Lou Conner + Spencer Rich
/ who talking
Each need CC's

Dent → Snider & Wal testifying at
Platform + very favorable to
testifying; very pleased to have
invitation; either be there or have
someone there to testify + will
await

- Coleman Andrews will shoot
Turnpseed's Draft Movement
down for good
- Only Snider to ~~talk to~~ speak
for Dem + shows G.W. Chastized
Cornelia for talking w/ Turnpseed +
Peter Beater; don't ever talk to
them again; Cornelia has
A now succumbed to
- Snider very friendly, like
Dent very, very much
- Snider interested in working
w/ Conner's Dem for the P.

August 1, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN
FROM: GORDON STRACHAN
SUBJECT: Eagleton's CBS AM
News Appearance --
August 1

Senator Eagleton was asked twelve questions by Barry Serafin, Morton Dean, and Nelson.

The questions covered the following subjects with my notes on the language used:

Q. When did you throw in the towel?

A. Didn't throw in the towel, I received hundreds of calls from rich and poor. I especially remember the little lady from Columbus, Ohio

-- As a lawyer I presented my case with statistics on telephone calls, political leaders (wouldn't disclose) who called supporting me. Possible now I am an asset to the ticket; I have more pluses than minuses.

-- "Judge Gallard Nelson was presiding."

-- If at anytime my presence on ticket, I would be an independent, I would resign.

-- According to Eagleton McGovern --
You remain on ticket -- all debate would be on Eagleton's past medical history instead of need to discuss great issues -- Vietnam war, Economy, and credibility gap.

-- McGovern could not have been finer. I will work for him doubly hard.

Q. Were you forced off the ticket?

A. No, I was treated with great compassion and understanding. We were two adult politicians with Nelson in the middle.

-- But by Sunday, when the Chairman of the party says get off, it was much harder to stay on.

-- I'm not bitter and not going to get bitter.

Q. At what point did McGovern's support start down hill?

A. On Saturday morning, after McGovern went from table to table and it became apparent to me 100% dropped a little.

Q. Weren't you distressed that McGovern said 100% and yet table hopping and asked for a drum beat of anti Eagleton statements?

A. Not distressed at George McGovern. His position was eminently reasonable. To mollify political leaders, McGovern had to leave impression the decision was still open.

Q. Were you personally embarrassed by McGovern's inconsistencies?

A. "Somewhat troubled momentarily", but McGovern staff was doing more backgrounding than he (or they) were originally.

Q. Wasn't health the issue?

**A. No, that is past medical history.
-- Here's the scoop. I'll run for reelection in 1974. I am certainly no longer Tom Who. I'm in the top 20 names identifiable. I don't feel crippled as a politician.**

Q. Any quid pro quo offered?

A. No, there is no appointive position I want; if I give up the Senate the only job I want is Commissioner of Baseball.

Q. Wasn't the pressure excruciating?

A. There was pressure, I am consoled that I came out stronger, not angry and on balance -- this may be most important week of my life --

Q. Do you think that McGovern vacillated and that his credibility suffered?

A. The pressure in the black hills of South Dakota was enormous. The press kept asking about Eagleton and McGovern kept receiving calls with pressure.

Q. What was the reaction of your family?

A. My wife took it like a treoper. I have one worry about the whole thing. It is the one son (age 13) at camp who seems to understand, but I am apprehensive.

Q. Can you ever go back to just the U.S. Senate?

A. Well, I'm not going out around the country giving lectures on mental health, but will continue to be a good Senator.

Q. Who will be your successor?

A. If Gaylord Nelson wanted the nomination, he would be strongly considered, but he doesn't want to be Vice President.

-- I will not be privy to discussion, though they will work from the list as used in Miami Beach.

Q. Do you believe the Vice President should go through trial by primary?

A. No, the Presidential nominee has the right to pick the Vice Presidential nominee so he (or she) can have some choice in who is politically compatible.

GS: kb

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

August 1, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM:

GORDON STRACHAN

SUBJECT:

Action Memorandum on
Support Groups

You sent Colson the attached Action Memorandum on setting up a system that runs a complete check on individual Democrats' names who might join Democrats for Nixon. Each individual was to be checked personally for authority to use his name. Colson responded that "none will be used unless we have permission in writing". (See attached at Tab A)

You sent me the same memorandum that you sent Colson except that you added "and all other support groups". (See attached at Tab B)

Discussion with Fred Malek on July 27 indicated that there are approximately 500-600 national, state, and local Citizen Groups and Voting Bloc organizations. At the national level, there are nearly 30 different Citizens groups with 10-15 members each. There are also nine Voter Bloc groups. Each of the names on the national groups are checked by Malek's office. Permission is not required in writing of the members.

The question is whether you want me to personally call each of the members of the national Citizens and Voter Bloc groups and obtain their permission in writing. Malek strongly recommends against this approach because he is satisfied with the current arrangement.

_____ Yes, Strachan call all national Citizens and Voter Bloc members.


_____ No, rely on Malek's system.

_____ Other.

GS/jb

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 25, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHARLES COLSON
FROM: H. R. HALDEMAN 

Be absolutely sure that in the process of setting up the Democrats for Nixon there is a complete check made on every name that is used. Regardless of how we've gotten the name and how much confirmation we have, no name should be used publicly until there has been a final follow-up, probably by phone, from our office, confirming for sure that the individual is agreeable to have his name used.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



July 25, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN
FROM: CHARLES COLSON *CC*
SUBJECT: Democrats for Nixon

Rest assured on the use of names for Democrats for Nixon.
None will be used unless we have permission in writing.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION MEMO

July 25, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: GORDON STRACHAN

FROM: H. R. HALDEMAN *H.*

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ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

August 1, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM:

GORDON STRACHAN

SUBJECT:

Senator Eagleton's Today Show
Appearance -- August 1, 1972

Eagleton answered around 15 questions with these comments:

- 1) Did he consider a "Checkers' Speech"?

Yes, a poor man's "Checkers' Speech" before the Press Club. Decided not to pursue it because all points had been covered on two TV shows on Sunday.

- 2) If he had made a so-called "Checkers' Speech", he would not have included his wife and dog, but instead would have given a factual, dignified account. After all, three American Presidents have had mental illness more than severe than mine -- Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson.

- 3) He would not discuss any Vice Presidential replacements or recommendations. This decision must be made by George McGovern. There should never be a repeat of a Franklin Roosevelt (liberal) and Garner (conservative) type ticket.

- 4) He had totally dismissed the thought of a head-to-head battle with McGovern because the President and his choice for running mate must have complete rapport.

- 5) Should he have been more candid with McGovern?

Wanted to make it "crystal clear" -- then went into a review of McGovern's call asking him to be his running mate and then a discussion with Mankiewicz of the details of acceptance speech. Mankiewicz then asked if he had any skeletons in the closet, but since he views skeleton as a "dirty" word, he said

he had none. He was not trying to cover up or deceive. McGovern lieutenants had been told by his Missouri delegation that he had been hospitalized.

- 6) Didn't he feel his hospitalizations were political skeletons? Hadn't his staff tried to hide his hospitalizations in the past?

Yes, but they had simply said that he was in a different hospital and for reasons that were "half truths". He could not quarrel with such retrospectively.

- 7) Didn't he feel McGovern had been hurt by this issue?

No, McGovern is a big man and will be a bigger man when he is President. No one could have been finer.

- 8) Didn't the Jack Anderson piece hurt the issue more?

No, because it was a totally "fallacious, damnable lie". Understands Anderson will step by his office today. He'll talk to anyone today.

- 9) Did the Press overdo it?

No, after all it was a "slow news week". "If the President had been in Peking, I would have been on Page 3." The public has a right to know about the issue. He's going to be around a long time and expects to continue to be Senator from Missouri.

- 10) Is there any way the Democrats can carry Missouri with him off the ticket?

It will be tough, but he'll do everything he can to help carry it for McGovern. Will even go elsewhere if McGovern wants him to.

- 11) His only concern is with his 13-year-old son -- teenagers can be so "vicious". I've talked to him and he'll get over it.

- 12) Does he feel that his experience would preclude other political figures from seeking professional help for mental problems?

No, it shouldn't.

- 13) He was surprised that he drew support from the man on the street and that it was the people he would have hoped would "understand" -- The New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times -- who called for his withdrawal.
- 14) "I would have been an asset, I'm a good campaigner, enjoy making speeches and meeting people." "I'm not here to gripe." "McGovern and I made the decision together." He was not backed out of the Party.
- 15) The Vice Presidential candidate should be chosen soon. An announcement tonight would be premature.

GS/jb

Today

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- ① E - Did consider Cheek's Spe
- Poor man's Cheek's Spe,
before Press Club
- decided not to pursue brief
on TV Show Sen + Net
TV 1 hr + no pt
pursuing further
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- ② If made a so called Cheek's
Spe, wouldn't have wife +
kids; instead a dignified
factual + 3 P's had probs
far more severe than
mine (Lincoln, TR + Wilson)
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- ③ No desires of recommen's +
this decision must be made
by me G; will never repeat
Roose (ed) + Garner (concur)
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- ④ No totally dismissed idea
of Cheek to head battle
w/ me G brief the P cand
must have complete
support
-

more candid to MeG

⑤

E - made it crystal clear & reviewed story of MeG

call - will you take it, to Mark for details

- any old skeletons rattling around in closet

- same ans, again, stel is dirty,

"but here's this

- E - not trying to cover up or deceive

- MeG lieutenant knew

& had been hospitalized

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⑥

E - staff member said

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quarrel / staff retros

⑦

MeG a big man, bigger when P; no one would have been finer

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~~Bar stool~~ - Jack and piece hunt

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a slow news week, if
I'm talking I would have
been p 3

- Public has it to know about
the legit ques + issue

- around for long time

- I am going to seek to be
senator for me

- any way Dem Party carry me

E - I will do everything
I can to see that me
arrives for McG + I'll
go elsewhere if McG
wants me to

- Only concern is w/son at
13 + teenagers are vicious;
concerns E - I've talked
to him + he'll get over it

- must be able to seek
professional help.

- man on street understood;
people + mail were w/ me, the
people who didn't understand were
too stupid - NYT, Post, LAT

- would have thought just the
opposite

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asset, good campaigner;
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Eagleton's Today Show
appearance - ag 1

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ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

August 1, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM:

GORDON STRACHAN

SUBJECT:

MacGregor's Alan Emory Luncheon
at National Press Club - July 27

A review of the newspapers represented at the Alan Emory luncheon produced only two articles which refer to MacGregor's remarks on George Wallace. The articles by Dick Ryan of The Detroit News and by Don Irwin of the Los Angeles Times are attached at Tab A.

The Los Angeles Times article does not mention MacGregor's statements regarding Wallace. However, The Detroit News article quotes MacGregor: "I know the President feels and feels strongly that Governor Wallace's position on maintaining a strong military defense is absolutely the right position". This seems to correspond with your July 13 Action Memorandum (attached at Tab B) suggesting MacGregor make a strong public statement praising George Wallace as a great patriot, and for his strong stand on defense.

GS/jb

The attached clipping from Don Irwin of the L.A. Times and the piece by Richard Ryan which appeared in the Detroit News are the only news stories that Mort Allin has been able to find.

It would appear that they are the only stories that came out of the Alan Emory luncheon group appearance by Clarke MacGregor.

Nixon Team May Spend \$30 Million, Aide Says

MacGregor Envisions Best-Performing Team; Strategy Calls for Less Media Spending

BY DON HUNTIN
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — President Nixon's campaign manager said Thursday the GOP plans to spend more than \$30 million in a reelection campaign that will stress grassroots organization and reliance on mass media spending than in 1968.

Clark MacGregor, director of Mr. Nixon's reelection campaign, also told reporters he hoped the President would confine his active campaigning to three weeks of home-stomping in mid-October. He said he would learn the President's views when they discuss the matter later this week.

MacGregor denied any knowledge of Mr. Nixon's attitude about retaining Vice President Agnew as his running mate. But he said he believed that Mr. Nixon would announce in about two weeks that he wants Agnew again.

Shift Geared

"I'll be surprised if the President does all I say. 'He's my man,' MacGregor said. "But if he doesn't, I'll just shift gears."

MacGregor said published surveys convinced him that Agnew will be "for the strongest candidate" for Vice President, and indicated he expected Agnew to deal with domestic issues in the campaign.

Asked about speculation that the President may tap former Treasury Secretary John B. Connally for the vice presidential nomination, MacGregor replied: "I really haven't contemplated that. (Connally) for it."



Clark MacGregor
of Nixon

channelled through 1,500 storefront headquarters. Plans call for 1,000 mobile headquarters in the other 40 states.

About \$13 million has been earmarked for the precinct-level campaign, MacGregor said. In addition, about \$6 million has been allocated for the telephone banks and highly computerized direct-mail campaigns the GOP is using to identify potential voters and make sure they are reached.

Sets Volunteer Quota

MacGregor said he had set a quota of 1 million volunteers to be in action by Labor Day, working the precincts. He said 2,000 volunteers already had been signed up, with 125,000 of them in the 18-to-24 age bracket.

To assure backing for the volunteer effort, MacGregor will, he expected, insist on a high level of

Direct spending for the President's reelection drive will total \$20 million to \$25 million, MacGregor said. Additional funds will be used in Republican gubernatorial and congressional campaigns, except to the extent that campaign efforts are combined, as they are in some states. Total figures for all GOP campaign spending has been estimated at close to \$100 million.

Mr. Nixon Wins Best

As yet there have been no official spending figures from Sen. George S. McGovern (D-S.D.), the Democrat's opponent. His aides are talking, however, of a \$25 million campaign. As with the Republicans, this will include a fraction of total political spending.

In outlining the GOP fight against Mr. Nixon, MacGregor said he planned a "30 state campaign." But he added that major efforts would be directed at winning 10 population states that together will cast 200 of the 270 electoral votes required for victory in November.

They are California, New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, New Jersey, Texas, Maryland and Missouri. Asked why non-popular Massachusetts was not among the top 10, MacGregor cited polls that suggested the President faces harder sledding there than in the other big states.

The focus of the campaign in the big states, MacGregor said, will be a "massive" volunteer ef-

about half the level of the 1968 campaign, in which reported television and radio spending by the Nixon-Agnew forces totaled \$12.6 million.

Under the plan MacGregor outlined, national campaign spending for TV and radio will be held to about \$6 million, with \$1 million more for advertising in publications. The new campaign spending law imposes a ceiling of about \$11.2 million on total spending on behalf of any presidential candidate.

Concludes Washington

At one point, MacGregor termed the overall strategy Democratic District of Columbia "the only voting entity we don't think we have a chance to carry." But he avoided any hard assessment of the election campaign at this stage.

Even then, it is probably that Mr. Nixon will officially open his campaign in mid-September somewhere near the Western White House at San Clemente, MacGregor said he still thought the President should shun active campaigning until after the Democratic-controlled Congress adjourns, probably in October.

He suggested, however, that Mr. Nixon might leave Washington for weekend speeches while Congress is still in session.

ACTION MEMO

Somebody, probably Clark MacGregor, must make a strong public statement praising George Wallace as a great patriot, and for his strong stand on defense in contrast to those who are trying to hamstring the President in this area. He should be congratulated for putting the country above party and for the concrete contribution that he's made to the debate, and that while his voice was not heard at the Democratic Convention, it will receive a full hearing at the Republican Convention.

The basic thing is to get across to him the fact that he has been heard.

HRH:pm

7/26/72

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 28, 1972

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: GORDON STRACHAN

FROM: L. HIGBY

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Make sure you follow-up on the MacGregor talk. Let's ride this to see what the situation is.

Don Dravin article
Dick Ryan article

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 7/28

TO:

H.R. HALDEMAN

FROM:

GORDON STRACHAN

Feb Magruder
obtained this description
of Mac Gregor's
remarks at the
Alan Emory luncheon
yesterday. There was
no transcript as it
violates the rules of
the luncheon, a review
of the papers represented

at the luncheon will
be conducted to determine
if any stories differ
from this account.

The meeting at which Clark MacGregor delivered his remarks on the Wallace Campaign took place during a session with the Alan Emory luncheon group at the National Press Club. At the present time, there have been no stories filed although there may be stories in the morning papers since Lou Cannon of the WASHINGTON POST and Bob Semple of the NEW YORK TIMES were present.

There was no transcript since part of the ground rules of such meetings preclude any taping of the remarks and the group usually excludes staff members. Van Shumway indicated that he was only included in the meeting because of his friendship with those present and background in the press. He was not able to take notes and what follows is from his memory.

MacGregor got into the discussion of Wallace when he was asked whether Secretary Connally had visited Governor Wallace in Birmingham -- mention of the visit had been made on the radio -- to ask him to join the Democrats for Nixon. MacGregor answered that, to his knowledge, Connally had not asked him and that such a request was not the purpose of the visit. Connally had gone down, however, to get some indication of the direction of Governor Wallace's thinking. MacGregor indicated that he did not have any private conversation with Connally since the meeting in Alabama and, therefore, he did not have any positive indication of Governor Wallace's intentions. Shumway believes that MacGregor left the firm impression that he did not want to get into any speculation as to the Governor's likely course of action, although it would have been hard to construe the impression that it was MacGregor's belief that Wallace would run.

In answer to the question of whether MacGregor found any major areas of agreement between the Governor and the Administration, he outlined the kinds of support that the Governor had given the President in the areas of national defense. When asked how he knew that there was such an agreement he said that he had asked for an outline of the Governor's positions on various issues and the papers on national defense certainly demonstrated that there were some broad areas of similarity. When asked whether there was similar reason to believe that there were policy agreements in the area of bussing, MacGregor admitted that he frankly did not know the Governor's position on bussing. Papers on bussing

had been requested but had not arrived in time. At the time of the luncheon, MacGregor stated that he had only had an opportunity to focus on the issue of national defense and his study in that area clearly showed that there was considerable similarity of views.

One of those present questioned whether there would be some support at the Republican Convention for the platform planks submitted to the Democrats by Wallace. He stated that he was not familiar with the precise planks that were submitted, but he knew that there was some agreement with the Governor.

Throughout the luncheon Van indicates MacGregor tried to stay clear of any speculations that the Governor would get into the race. To Van's knowledge the specific phrase "deliver a message" was not mentioned though there was considerable discussion of the Governor's views.

Committee for the Re-election of the President

MEMORANDUM

July 25, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE CLARK MACGREGOR

FROM: DEVAN L. SHUMWAY

SUBJECT: Alan Emory's Luncheon Group Meeting - July 27, 1972

This luncheon will be held in the President's Room of the National Press Club at 12:00 p.m. Mr. Emory will meet you in the lobby of the Press Building a few minutes before noon and escort you upstairs. There will be a quick drink and then luncheon will be served. He has assured me that this event will be over by 1:00 p.m. so you can go on to your next appointment.

This group is very informal and no prepared speech is required -- there will be a general Q and A session following lunch.

Following is a list of those who will be present:

Alan C. McConagha, Minneapolis Star and Tribune - *3-4 days*

John J. Farmer, Philadelphia Bulletin - *1 day*

Tom Littlewood, Chicago Sun-Times - *1 day*

Jules J. Witcover, Los Angeles Times

Dick Ryan, Detroit News - *3 days*

Dick Frank, National Journal - *7/31-8/1*

Fred Emery, London Times - *Don't receive*

Bill May or Bill Connelly, Newark News - *Don't receive*

Roland Powell or Ronald Maleska, Buffalo News - *1-2*

Alan Emory, Watertown Times, New York - *Don't receive*

Someone from Newsday - *1 day*

Someone from the New York Times

No definite answer yet from either the Washington Post or the

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - *2-3 days*

Al McConagha, Minneapolis Tribune
John Farmer and Bob Roth, Philadelphia Bulletin
Tom Littlewood, Chicago Sun-Times
Don Irwin, Los Angeles Times
Bill Connelly, Newark News
Dick Ryan, Detroit News
Dick Frank, National Journal
Fred Emery, London Times
Bill Wyant, St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Don Bacon, Newhouse
Warren Berry, Newsday
Alan Emory, Watertown (N.Y.) Daily Times
Bob Semple, New York Times
Lou Cannon, Washington Post
Ron Maselka, Buffalo Evening News