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July 17, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FRED MALEK

FROM:

GORDON STRACHAN **G**

SUBJECT:

RNC Convention Delegates

I have just read Stan Anderson's memorandum of July 14 regarding the percentages based on 279 delegates out of the 1,347. In my opinion, this is an impending disaster which we must change quickly or the media will tear us apart. As we have discussed, I do not **think there will** be any problem getting our old line delegates to accept honorary positions so that we can fill the "real delegate slots" with the proportions we want. If Reagan, Rockefeller, Javits, Buckley, and most of the California fat cats will accept honorary positions, let's do that with the other key states. It is ridiculous to have only 2% Jewish representation when we hope this time to receive substantial Jewish support. I understand the problems about not having the results from California and Texas, but we must move on this quickly.

I would like to be able to solve this problem without involving Bob either by memorandum or meeting. However, with all the effort that Timmons and Chapin and others are putting in on the appearance aspect of the Convention for the media, this has to be a top priority project. Just give me a call if you want me to do anything to push this matter to solution.

SENSITIVE

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 20, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS *WET.*

SUBJECT: '72 Convention

May I have your views on the following personalities to participate in the GOP National Convention:

- I. To nominate the President: Nelson Rockefeller (N. Y.)
- To second: Art Fletcher (Kans.)
- To second: Romano Buenelos (Calif)
- To second: Bill Brock (Tenn.)

or

- To nominate the President: Nelson Rockefeller (N. Y.)
- To second: Ten minutes of seconding remarks by fifteen delegates (40 seconds each) from the Floor using ethnics, aged, young, women, blacks, etc.

Best Idea

H - Also use 2 Senators, 2 Governors + Cross Section. Hold firm decision till Post Demo Conv. Approve Rockefeller Now. C

good

- II. To introduce the President: Barry Goldwater (Ariz.)
- He introduced Barry in 1964 and Goldwater has been loyal supporter. Will hold conservatives.

prefer VP candidate to have the use his speeches as the

Back idea

- III. To keynote convention: Ed Brooke (Mass.)
- Keynote participant: Dick Lugar (Ind.)
- Keynote participant: Sherrie Shealey (S. C.)
- Keynote participant: George Bush (Texas)

Approve this new

I don't think Brooke should be keynote - has it already gone too far to change?

Since Reagan will be presiding officer as Temporary Chairman, we will cover Governors, Congress, Mayor, State Representative, Administration. Also, we'll have conservative-liberal-middle philosophical balance. We'll have a Black and a woman who is 21 years old.

He'd be OK as one of the participants - but not the lead guy -

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 23, 1972
11:30 a. m.

Eyes Only

MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN
FROM: DWIGHT L. CHAPIN
SUBJECT: Republican Convention

One of the big problems we are going to have at the Republican Convention is to keep the television cameras centered on our program from the platform. In other words, we are going to stage our events in such a way as to know that the best television and the television that we want on the air is going to come from the podium.

It would seem that about halfway into the Democratic Convention, it might be a good idea to start a telephone campaign to the networks via Joe Citizen asking the networks why they keep spotlighting everything except what's happening on the podium. Say that they are distressed because the coverage the network is offering does not focus on the actual proceedings. If they are going to cover an event, then they should cover it accurately and portray what's happening from the podium and not try to create stories of their own. I see us putting calls in to the network as well as getting letters written, etc.

If you agree with this plan, I will see that it is executed via Colson's operation with Mitchell's approval.

Approve Disapprove _____
Other _____

May 30, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: JOHN MITCHELL
THROUGH: JEB MAGRUDER
FROM: WILLIAM TIMMONS 
SUBJECT: '72 Convention
Host Committee

The purpose of a Miami Host Committee for the Re-Elect Committee is to add prestige to our Convention effort, allow locals to participate and most importantly open doors for us (private homes, boats, etc).

You had earlier voiced no objection to J. Deering Danielson as Host Chairman. Attached is his list of Committee members he recommends. While he has not contacted them yet, he is eager to do so. Therefore, I'll appreciate your clearance or rejection of the names as soon as possible.

Bebe Rebozo objected to L. Allen Morris and Mrs. Herbert Hoover but cleared the rest. However, he wants several Cubans on the Host Committee and suggests Danielson consult with Dr. Edgardo Buttari for names. Buttari is "Hatched" so cannot himself serve.

There are no Blacks on the list and I asked Danielson about the omission. He said there just are no Black leaders -- other than a couple of Uncle Toms -- who could add to the Committee. In light of the caliber of these individuals I do not think the absence is overly significant. Rebozo concurs.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL AS REVISED BY REBOZO

YES _____ NO _____