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THE WHITE HOUSE

July 15, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM:

Dwight L. Chaplen

RE:

Prince Charles/Princess Anne - White House Entertainment

Per a discussion that you and I had with Dr. Kissinger on the plane going to California, I have been talking with the State Department (Bus Mosbacher) about the State Department's picking up the expenses on the White House event for Prince Charles and Princess Anne. It is anticipated that the party this Friday night will cost \$35,000.

Bus Mosbacher has advanced our case to Bill Macomber and Charlie Meyer. It was done on the basis that this is an official visit since Prince Charles will at some future time be King of England.

The reaction back from State is that it would be a mistake for them to pay for it since word is likely to leak out and since it is wrong for the State Department to pay for it because it is a private party that Julie and Tricia are giving.

In talks with Connie Stuart, Rex Scouten, and according to what Connie tells me Mrs. Nixon thinks, it is felt that State should not pay for this event. Rather, it should be paid out of private funds. Over and over again, Connie has implied to the press that the visit is a private visit and that it is being hosted by Julie and Tricia. It is felt that one of the first questions which is going to come up is who paid for the event. It is not felt that the Government can pay for this event.

According to Connie, one thought has been to ask Walter Annenberg to pay for the party. My understanding had been, and so had Connie's, that Mrs. Nixon was going to ask Walter Annenberg to pay for it. This morning Connie informed me that Mrs. Nixon would not ask Walter Annenberg to do this but that someone else should.

DECISIONS

There are two questions:

Should Walter Annenberg be asked to pay for this event?
Yes No Kin Cotto Raining
Who should ask Ambassador Annenberg to pay for the community event?

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