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Thursday - 6:15 p. m.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM: DWIGHT L. CHAPIN

As a gag - in light of the events in this morning's leadership meeting - the President had me send an agent up to the Hill to act as Body Guard to Congressman John Rhodes.

The agent approached Congressman Rhodes and presented his commission book. He said that under orders from the President he was there to serve as his body guard. This was due to the advice which Rhodes had given the President this morning regarding a special session.

Rhodes, who had been standing, sat down - and looking very serious, he said, 'This isn't like the President; he is a very serious man.' The Congressman believed the whole thing.

The Congressman called Timmons and Bill said it must be a joke. But the Congressman still is doubtful.

RECOMMENDATION

That the President call Congressman Rhodes - to let him know there have been no threats.

DLC:ny