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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 21 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR H. R. HALDEMAN

From: William E. Timmons *W*

Subject: Critique of Monday & Tuesday trips *C*

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I think all involved in the two-day tour deserve applause for their good work. However, I have some observations of the campaign swing which might be helpful on future trips:

OHIO: The President publicly acknowledged Bill McCulloch as dean of the Ohio Congressional delegation and indicated that Chalmers Wylie represented Columbus. Good -- but half of Columbus belongs to Sam Devine who has been one of the President's most loyal supporters and is a leader of a House GOP conservative group. He should have been recognized publicly. It would also have been nice to include Devine and Wylie on the tour to Ohio State University. This could have helped the Congressmen -- and us.

Steve

NORTH DAKOTA: Although Rep. Odin Langen (R-Minn) was on the advance schedule to be on the platform, he was absent, and apparently the President was not alerted beforehand.

MISSOURI: The \$1,000 big-givers' party for Danforth in the hotel expected the President to make a drop-by. I gather that was one of the reasons contributors came, and many were bitter that the President didn't show. I asked several what assurances they had that the President would come and they indicated they had an acceptance "from the White House." I doubt this was the case but it created some bad will. Also we had a minor problem with Bob Dole who wanted to visit with the President. I entertained him and the Kansas gubernatorial candidate Frizell in my room and they are happy!

TENNESSEE: Obviously, a great rally!

NORTH CAROLINA: It rained.

INDIANA: The Presidential guest bus was stopped along with the press buses at the Marriott Motel near the news facility and not permitted to accompany the President's party around back. Much later, we found our way through the maze of corridors to the staff rooms. The delay could have been important if the President or staff had needed secretarial services during that time. Rep. David Dennis is a freshman and "marginal". We could lose him and it would have helped if the President could have mentioned him by name during the rally. I understand the advancement tried to put GOP Governor Whitcomb in the guests' bus to travel from the airport to downtown Fort Wayne. He protested and threatened to remove all State troopers from the event if he were not allowed in the motor caravan. I know of the party problems in Indiana, but we can win only if all GOP pull together. It is better, I think, to include all major Republican officials and candidates in VIP cars in motorcades. This is particularly true with Governors, Senators and local House Members.

GENERAL: There should be an effort to encourage GOP Representatives from surrounding areas to be present at the rallies, even though the events are primarily designed for Senate candidates. Exposure with the President helps the re-election of House Members and also gives us a chit to collect at a later date. In addition, it doesn't hurt to have Republican Congressmen witness the enthusiasm given the President.

All in all, this was a good trip and most helpful to our team.

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