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FOR DWIGHT CHAPIN
FROM: LEN GARMENT

I really have little to say about the highlights (?) of night 2.

Askev/ Attractive man, a fledgling political version of Billy Graham.
Good, not outstanding keynote speech (I don't know what that would take this year). Too oratorical, overlong. Good lines but a platitudinous quality, i.e. a sustained piece of better than average but fairly stock stemwinding.

Wallace. The best point in the whole evening was the CBS interview from his hotel suite. A very credible restrained, articulate performance (certainly not a plus for the New Democratic Party). Crippled, Wallace no longer seems at all menacing. Can be a big force this fall, and will be with us for years to come.

Platform. A blur and a bore - but from the Democrats standpoint happily buried in the soggy proceedings. A crisp prime-time convention would have killed them.

Overall, of the Convention so far I can't dope out what the campaign will be like or how they figure it will work. I remember thinking the same thoughts in 1964 and then finding out that the Goldwater group didn't have any thoughts either. The McGovern speech and the VP choice will furnish the first clues.
FOR: DWIGHT CHAPIN
FROM: BILL TIMMONS
SUBJECT: DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION COVERAGE

REFERENCE YOUR MEMO TO HRH ON SAME SUBJECT. MY COMMENTS -

No 2. WE HAVE ALREADY PLANS FOR EXTENSIVE "ALTERNATE PROGRAMMING" DURING CONVENTION SESSIONS. FROM DRAFT PROGRAM WE'VE PINPOINTED SLACK TIMES & ARE CONSIDERING SPOKESMEN FROM CITIZENS, DELEGATES, CELEBRITIES, SURROGATES AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS. WE HAVE DISCUSSED AN OPERATING COMMITTEE TO RUN THIS FUNCTION WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM MOST WH & CAMPAIGN SECTIONS. IN SHORT, WE DON'T NEED TO FIGURE OUT A PATTERN SINCE IT'S ALREADY IN THE WORKS. I TOLD YOU THIS OPERATION IS IN GOOD HANDS & WILL GO WELL IF TOO MANY COCKS DON'T SCREW IT UP!

No 4. WE ARE ALREADY DOING AN ANALYSIS OF CONVENTION DELEGATES &
AND ALTERNATES. APPROPRIATE VOTING,
BLOC AND/OR POLITICAL GROUPS
ARE FOLLOWING UP. THIS INFORMATION
MAY BE BASIS OF SPECIAL INTEREST
CAUCUSES. AS FAR AS "BALANCE &
MIX" IS CONCERNED WE CANNOT
COMPARE WITH THE McGOVERN
REFORMS. WHAT THE HELL DO YOU
THINK I'VE BEEN DOING, SINCE YOU
STUCK ME WITH THIS LOUSY JOB?

NO.6. IT'S A MATTER OF OPINION BUT
I FEEL DIMMING HOUSE LIGHTS DETRACT
FROM APPLAUSE & ENTHUSIASM OF
DELEGATES - AND IN FACT WORKS AGAINST
IT.

NO.9. WE ARE NOT GOING TO PUT THE
U.S. SEAL ON THE PODIUM OF OUR
CONVENTION. ARE YOU BLIND? LOOK
AGAIN TONIGHT.

NO.11. MICKEY MOUSE!

NO.-1. I'M AMAZED THAT YOUR REPORT
CONTAINED NOTHING ON THE FILMS.
WHAT THE #**!? YOU GUYS going up THERE? THE BIGGEST NEWS FROM YOUR COMMITTEE'S POINT OF VIEW SHOULDBE THE VERY, VERY POLITICAL USE OF FILM DURING THE O'BRIEN TALK. THIS HAS TO SET PRECEDENT FOR OUR FILM. RIGHT? EXCEPT THEIRS WAS LOUSY. WILL OURS BE ANY BETTER?

No.— I COULD REPORT MUCH MORE BUT CONSUEDO BAILEY & I ARE GOING TO NEGOTIATE ON THE GOP READING CLERK NOW! I'M GOING TO SEE IF MARK GOODE CAN'T BE THE NEW POINT OF CONTACT.

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