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August 10, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. WILLIAM E. TIMMONS
MR. STAN ANDERSON

FROM: DWIGHT L. CHAPIN

SUBJECT: Haldeman's Comments on Convention

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1. Regarding the seconding speeches, we are not to use Hicel. We need to use a labor man. He is not enthusiastic about Bob Ray -- he knows we have to do something for the farmers but can we find someone better than Bob Ray? He thinks maybe there are too many youths -- maybe we ought to drop someone-- and leave Sherry Shaly and then put on the oldest delegate?
2. Regarding the Connally event, Secretary Connally is still thinking this over and we are just going to have to wait on him. We won't be able to use McKissick because he has turned into a Republican. We need to have a woman for that Democrat event -- perhaps we could use Mrs. Henry W. Maier, wife of the Mayor of Milwaukee. We will have to wait until we get an answer from Connally.
3. Buckley is okay for introducing the Vice President.
4. In terms of the seconding of the Vice President, we need to add an ethnic, or blue collar labor type person. The President wants to have the Vice President identified with the ethnic vote as well as with the labor vote. Haldeman thinks that Toby Smith sounds good and that Peggy Heckler is probably good. He questions Griffin but I pointed out that this was done since the President wanted Griffin on the platform per Timmons.
5. In terms of the keynote, Brooke and Lugar are okay. Armstrong is fine if we have to do it. We would prefer to use someone besides her and we should keep our search out for a woman. Haldeman suggested considering Pat Hitt or perhaps Helen Bentley.

6. Bob liked the idea of having Sanchez nominate the Vice President. If he does not do that, then perhaps he could give a seconding speech. Haldeman raised the point of perhaps considering Toby Smith as the nominator for the Vice President. We then decided that perhaps he would not be the perfect image.
7. The President wants to make sure that we get a Polish person worked into the program as well as Catholics and labor. He is also concerned that we do not have enough Jewish people on the program. Chapin will meet with Colson to get whatever suggestions he has per instructions from Haldeman.
8. In regard to the woman event on Monday night, we should try to get an Italian Catholic woman and a Polish woman worked into the program. I would think that what we probably should do is try to expand the Jayne Spain section.
9. The handshaker at the end of the Convention is a distinct possibility. We may need to figure out how to build a lip out onto the lower part of the podium. Chapin will cover this problem with Carruthers.
10. We must insure that the Presidential seal and Vice Presidential seals are used when those two men are on the platform. Chapin has checked with Carruthers and he states that this is being worked out.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 21, 1972

MEMORANDUM TO: THE PRESIDENT
VIA: RAY PRICE
FROM: JOHN ANDREWS
SUBJECT: Acceptance speech

Some of your more seasoned veterans already having submitted full drafts and comprehensive theme/tone proposals, I will focus on a few random notes and angles.

It would be most desirable to evoke in your audience a sense of being swept along on the crest of a great wave in human history -- a sense of the inevitability of the last four years, the inescapable logic of the next four, and the continuity of all eight with the 20th century's long drive for peace, freedom, plenty and social justice.

Something of this, though not as broad in the time-sweep as it should be, is contained in the long "fragment" attached. (That is really more an exercise in linking the 1960 and 1968 acceptances to 1972, and then paying the whole thing off with the quote from Timothy.)

A better way to get at the same idea might be a thumbnail sketch of the way RN's career overlays the whole postwar era, highlighting the personal involvement in the national quest for peace each step of the way. The subliminal message here is that America has found its Churchill/DeGaulle, the man and the moment have come together, but that America won't throw him away in 1972 as Britain and France did with their great statesmen in 1945.