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February 12, 1970

FOR: HARRY DENT

FROM: CHUCK COLSON

This is in response to your memo of January 30th. I agree completely that Lupton cannot make it in Connecticut and in view of Weicker's vote, I am not sure that we want him. I hope you have looked into Ab Sibal as a candidate. I am a little prejudiced because Ab is a former law partner of mine. He is an outstanding politician and was one of the first Connecticut Republicans to announce for Nixon early in 1968. He would be a loyalist in the Senate and it is my understanding that he is running in the same poll you referred to ahead of all other Republican candidates. I don't know what Etherington's announcement does to this but I am personally convinced that Sibal could win and would be an Administration supporter in the Senate.

As for Weicker's reaction to the pressure, I generated it. His father is Chairman of the Board of Bigelow-Sanford, which is the biggest single beneficiary of our recent Wilton and velvet carpet decision. Frankly, it doesn't bother me a bit if he is upset. What bothers me is that he didn't have sense enough to vote with us.

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TO: BRYCE HARLOW
BILL TIMMONS
MURRAY CHOTINER
CHUCK COLSON
JIM ALLISON

FROM: HARRY DENT *ASD*

Lowell Weicker, Jr., has been hurt with the big financial backers in Connecticut because of his failure to support the President on the veto. Al Cole of Readers Digest, Jerry Milbank, Gerrish Milliken, Gordon Reed, etc., are now going to back Lupton for the Senate. They say Weicker also voted against the President on ABM. A recent Opinion Research telephone poll in Connecticut showed Weicker to be running ahead of Dodd, and the same is true of Lupton. Lupton is considered to be rather conservative and it is Weicker's position that Lupton cannot make it in a state like Connecticut.

Weicker was particularly disturbed that his father, the owner of a carpet mill, had been called and asked to put pressure on Weicker about his vote. He said this locked him in to vote against the President. I really think he was just disturbed that he realized he had lost his big financial supporters over this vote. They all called him and got after him prior to the vote.

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