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MEMORANDUM FOR LARRY HIGBY

In response to your memo of January 8th I have been able to learn nothing concrete. Harry Dent and I have discussed this at some length and we were both convinced that Jimmy Allison is the prime contributor to it. In rereading the column it is the kind of garbage that any irresponsible columnist like Evans and/or Novak could put together with relative ease. You can always find a disenchanted party member who will say almost anything that will fit into the desired space in the column if you ask him the questions in the right way and you know the conclusion in advance that you want the column to reach. In addition, of course, Elly Peterson was never a friend, she hates the White House staff and has never been a Nixon Republican. She will never do or say anything nice about us. In fact, she will do the contrary.

We are taking separate steps to try to bring Allison under control.

The long and the short of it is that the old National Committee staff hated the White House staff and have gone to great lengths to demonstrate their feelings publicly. This is nothing new or different.

Charles W. Colson