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TO: Harry Dent
FROM: Tom Lia
SUBJECT: Wallace

My Wallace contact, Columnist Grover Hall, advises that he was called by Wallace on the eve of his departure for Southeast Asia. Hall reports that Wallace had been briefed "in some depth" on the problems of the area, and Grover felt he was showing some real sophistication concerning that part of the world. (He impressed Grover with the proper usage of oriental names.)

Wallace's clear intention to pursue the Presidency came through again, and he once more expressed his dislike for running for Governor, but felt that it was necessary to do so as a mechanical means of achieving his Presidential aims.

Wallace knows that Hall talks to me. These reports are essentially just what they want to plant with us, but I will continue to pass them along unless you feel it is a needless exercise.
TO: Harry Dent
FROM: Tom Lias
SUBJECT: Veterans Day

For your information, I am attaching a copy of a memo which Don Johnson sent earlier this month to Clark Mollenhoff. You will recall that I suggested in a memo of October 10 that an energetic Veterans Day program might help offset the moratorium types. Don is a natural to promote such a thing, at least from within the Government.

Attachment.
MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 10, 1969

TO: Harry Dent
    Jim Allison

FROM: Tom Lias

SUBJECT: November 11 observance.

By way of possibly counter-acting some of the well organized dove activities such as the October 15 program, do you see any merit in organizing, through Party and other interested groups (Veterans, etc.), a real patriotic, flag displaying, punch for November 11?

Every available Administration and Party speaker should be dispatched to the boondocks to carry the same general theme -- in harmony with what the President will say. It seems to me if such a program could get Party and White House blessing, we could maybe get "Middle America" to really "show it like it is".

Seems to me the approach should be subtle and, outwardly at least, bi-partisan or perhaps non-partisan. We should consider utilizing such groups as the Legion and all Veteran organizations, the Boy Scouts, lots of womens groups -- Police Wives, DAR, Federated Women, and Gold Star Mothers.

There could be lots of drama if it were done right - a minute of silence at 11 a.m., etc -- then if the President could make a really powerful speech in connection with some appropriate wreath laying or other ceremony, maybe we could strike a real blow for America and the Republican Party.

As a follow up, consideration might be given to Congressman Jim Collins' flag recognition program wherein he has his people go around Dallas on July 4th, etc. and get the addresses of homes displaying American flags and then sends them a letter saying in effect -- "You are a good American." The Campaign Committee might consider getting all its members to try this program on November 11. (Again, most of the letters would be going to "Middle America").
These are just some quick thoughts but it seems to me that the average American might respond well to such a program.
TO:          Harry Dent
FROM:        Tom Lias
SUBJECT:     Alan Peterson

Can we get the angel to stop any further salary payments to Alan Peterson until that list of Neighbors for Nixon names has been delivered? I think the only way to deal with Peterson is through his pocketbook.
TO: Harry Dent

FROM: Tom Lias

You might be interested to know that Grover Hall called yesterday and reported that he had had a long telephone conversation on Sunday with George Wallace, and that this conversation reconfirmed, in Hall's mind, that Wallace is indeed going to run for Governor. He pointed out that Wallace kept coming back to the school business in the South and making the point that some children are being bussed 100 miles. Grover says what Wallace is talking about is 50 miles each way, but that nonetheless Wallace realizes the emotional impact of this issue and is going to run with it. Hall further thinks that Brewer is probably going to go all the way in the fight over the nomination with Wallace. Hall noted that it was a paradox that Nixon has to take extreme criticism from the likes of both George Wallace on one side and the NAACP on the other side, while Justice Department lawyers are engaging in a minor mutiny.