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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Meeting with Gene Boyle, GOP Congressional candidate for New Jersey's 8th District
October 6, 1969
4:30 PM

I. PURPOSE

To have a picture made with the candidate and wish him well.

II. BACKGROUND

A. Gene Boyle is a 48 year old restauranteur who has lived in the Congressional District (Passiac County) for the past 47 years. Although he has been involved in public service in appointive capacities, he has never held an elective office. He has been awarded several civic honors, including one each from the B'nai B'rith and the Italian Community. Also, he is Irish. These are the three major ethnic groups in the District. His brother-in-law is the mayor of Patterson, the major city in the county. His principal backer is Sheriff Davenport, who should win re-election with a good margin. The Sheriff was requested to run for Congress by Jerry Ford, Bob Wilson, and me, but he preferred to run for re-election. Evidently he plans on running in 1970 when he will be in the middle of
his term as sheriff and has nothing to lose. The opinion has been that the Sheriff is the only one electable to Congress in this District from our side.

B. Politically, Boyle has to be considered naive.

C. A campaign budget of $80,000 has been projected, and Chairman Morton has tentatively agreed to go in on October 23 in behalf of Boyle. The Congressional Campaign Committee will probably put in at least $10,000 through the Boosters Club. In addition, the Congressional Committee will be sending in at least three staff people to work on the campaign.

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G. Prospects: very outside chance. This seat has been held by Joelson, who resigned to become a state judge.

III. POINTS OF DISCUSSION

A. I recommend that this be a brief meeting primarily for picture-taking purposes and to wish him well. There is no need for any discussion.

HARRY S. DENT
MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 3, 1969

TO: Harry Dent

FROM: Tom Lias

SUBJECT: Gene Boyle - New Jersey 8.

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FOR THE PRESIDENT

RE: Meeting with Massachusetts congressional candidate
Bill Salstonstall, 12:15 PM, Monday, September 15

Salstonstall is the son of the retired Senator Leverett
Salstonstall. He was formerly chief assistant to his
father and is now a state senator. He was nominated in
a primary over another good man named Hatch. He faces
a Kennedy favorite and state legislator named Harrington.

Harrington has more sparkle and public appeal, and also
has a good name. Salstonstall's name is his major
advantage.

The race is neck and neck with a better name against a
better personal appeal in a District which voted 37%
for Nixon in 1968 but which has been a Bates seat for
a long time.

The National Committee and the Congressional Campaign
Committee have several people working there and
Salstonstall is pleased with their efforts. We have
also put in the Neighbors for Nixon telephone operation
for him.

Salstonstall will be accompanied by Senator Brooke on
whom they are relying to work into the Independent vote.
Brooke got 66% of the vote in this District last time.

Harry S. Dent
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Lin Holton has requested that the First Lady lead the United Givers Fund kickoff drive in Richmond, Virginia, sometime in September. He feels this would help his campaign and that this would be a good cover. The date can be adjusted to fit the First Lady's schedule.
MEMORANDUM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

JULY 8, 1969

TO: HARRY S. DENT
FROM: GORDON S. BROWNELL
RE: INVITATION TO MRS. NIXON TO APPEAR IN RICHMOND

Concerning the invitation for Mrs. Nixon to appear in Richmond as per my memo of June 26th, I spoke to Lucy Winchester today and she advised me as to the best method of arranging this:

You should suggest to the President the possibility of Mrs. Nixon's appearing in Richmond and the political value such an appearance might have to the Holton campaign. If you can speak to the President on this also, so that he is aware of the importance of it, this would be better.

Then you should prepare a memorandum to Lucy stating that "I suggested to the President the possibility of......and he thought it was a good idea, etc. Is it at all possible that the First Lady would be able to make such an appearance, etc." Lucy will handle it from there. She emphasized the diplomacy that has to be exercised, especially in presenting the suggestion to Mrs. Nixon. In any event, the first step is to see if the President is in favor of the idea--if he is not in favor, then it will be dropped; if he is in favor, then there is a chance that it can be arranged.

Attachment