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MEMORANDUM FOR: M.R. BUCHANAN

Subject: Notes from the President

The President reviewed with interest your memorandum of March 7th concerning the Republican pulse nationwide, and other subjects in the political vein. The comments he made are listed below:

Re the paragraph on Senator Marchi squaring off against Lindsay (pg. 2) - "Pat, the President's policy will be to stay out of all primary contests."

Re your query as to what you should say, if asked, about the President's involvement in Republican primary contests (last paragraph, pg. 2) - "Okay. I agree."

Re John Ashbrook (paragraph 3, pg. 3) - "We can't hold him. The cost is too high."

Re your first recommendation (pg. 4) - "I am asking Haldeman to see that this is done."

Re your second recommendation (pg. 4) - "An excellent idea ... probably a small stag dinner."

Re your third recommendation (pg. 4) - "Okay, but it should go to Ehrlichman first in order to determine where RN has already acted."

NOTE: Pat, I have sent a separate memorandum to John Ehrlichman concerning the President's desires re these last two items.

Re your last paragraph (pg. 5) - "We shall have to appoint some who will not be satisfactory to the Right; but, I agree that it would be well to first run these by Buchanan, et al.

Re the report in its entirety - "Pat, a very good memo."

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD