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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 16, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR LEN GARMENT

The President is extremely interested in following up with Billy Graham in the work he is doing with Negro ministers across the country. He feels, as does Graham, that this may be our best chance to make inroads into the Negro community.

I understand you've been in touch with Reverend Graham on this matter, particularly in relation to Reverend Edward Hill. In light of the President's continual interest in this project, would you please proceed to meet directly with Dr. Graham and provide the President with a status report of how we are proceeding with this project and what our future plans are.

Thank you.

H.R. HALDEMAN
MEMORANDUM FOR

Bob Haldeman

December 30, 1969

On the political side, I would like you to follow up with Billy Graham in his work with Negro ministers across the country. He feels this is our best chance to make inroads into the Negro community. I am inclined to agree with him. The professional Negro radicals simply can't be for us any more than the white radicals can be for us. Just as we are trying to appeal to our own constituency among the whites, we should remember that there is a similar constituency, although eminently smaller, among Negroes. Let's not overlook them in attempting to pander to the radicals - black or white.

Richard Nixon
November 5, 1969

Dear Billy:

As my assistant, Brad Patterson, mentioned in his telephone call with you the other day, I certainly would be interested in meeting Reverend Edward Hill. If he should have the opportunity during his visit on the East Coast with you, it would be a pleasure to see him in Washington.

I am particularly looking forward to hearing further from you about the results of your own meetings with black and white clergymen and to having any suggestions of your own as to how we can contribute to what you are beginning.

Sincerely,

Leonard Caz novel

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