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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 14, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM: L. HIGBY

Harry Dent stopped by to see me regarding Clark Mollenhoff. Apparently Dent has also met with Mollenhoff and would like to talk with you briefly on the phone about Mollenhoff and his future. He knows Clark well, is a good friend of his, and feels that what you are trying to do can be done very successfully providing we handle Mollenhoff right. His point is we don't want Mollenhoff to either turn on us, or turn directly on you or John. He indicates that the Bureau Chief job for the Des Moines Register will be opening up shortly and this is a natural position for Clark to move into. He will be syndicated and we can get whatever information we want to him. Dent will get his friends working on Mollenhoff indicating that he should move out to achieve even greater success, but wanted to talk with you for a moment to make sure all the bases were covered.

On a separate issue, Dent notes that the California people have requested that Nofziger serve as the direct State contact, reporting to Chotiner for the upcoming campaign. The Reagan people aren't too enthusiastic about Chotiner and would prefer to work directly with Nofziger. This is going to be done but Dent wanted you to be aware of it.