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March 1, 1971

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MEMORANDUM FOR: LYN NOFZIGER

FROM: CHARLES W. COLSON

The time has come, in my judgment, to start pressing hard on Hubert Humphrey. The advantages to this are two-fold. First of all, it is so much fun to press on Hubert. Secondly, it will begin to make it appear that he is a serious contender, if we can orchestrate some anti-Humphrey talk on the part of Republican Senators, Congressmen and other officials. By indicating concern over HHH we will help to continue to cut into Muskie. In short, it seems to me we want to keep Humphrey visible.

He has given us a delightful opportunity on Meet the Press. He has said that if he were President today, all U.S. troops would now be out of South Vietnam. One, of course, might speculate why, during his four years as Vice President, troop levels continually went up. One might secondly ask how he would have done it - one might thirdly observe on the luxuries of being out of office - what a marvelous job Hubert does when he is on the outside, but how about what he does when he is on the inside. Don't forget what has become my favorite line "He certainly should be concerned about the POW's - they all became POW's while he was in office - while he was sharing the responsibilities of the most important office in America."

I believe there is some powerful, tactical potential here - but, more importantly, it has some long-term strategic values.

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Always refer to the  
Johnson-Humphrey admin.  
Hubert never does. H

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 2, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN  
FROM: CHARLES W. COLSON *WC*  
SUBJECT: Report on the President's Personal Remarks

In reply to your memorandum of February 27 regarding the President's ability to make off-hand remarks, this is just the kind of thing I intend to work into the Thimmesch piece, if Nick is successful in selling it to a magazine. I am presently waiting to hear from him. If he doesn't, I will get us another author with stature to do this.

Interestingly, I read the transcript of the Adams presentation and came away with exactly the same feeling - that the President had topped the event. I was particularly impressed with the remark that he had been ticking off in his mind the things that had been said. This is exactly the way the Nixon mind works. I was unaware, however, that the bit of poetry had not been prepared by someone on the staff.

In any event, this will go with the Thimmesch piece or something comparable very shortly.