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MEMORANDUM TO H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM: PAT BUCHANAN

The Right met secretly in New York Monday, with security tighter than normal, and are distributing today a "suspension of support" for the President. While passing over domestic policy critically ---hitting inflation, unemployment, welfarism etc. ---the statement focuses on foreign policy. Basically, the lack of American response to German policy toward the Soviets, the lack of response to the Soviet build-up in the Mediteranean, the initiatives toward China--- without visible concessions on Peking's part---but most important, indeed "above all" in their terminology---the lack of American response to the Soviet conventional and strategic arms build-up. While praising the President for standing up to those who want him to abandon South Vietnam, while extending all manner of personal courtesies, etc., they indicate that they are "suspending support." And they leave the door open to political opposition in the primaries---while not asking for political support right now. Signatories include members of six conservative organizations or publications---but the crucial one is William F. Buckley, Jr. The press can be expected to give them the kind of ride on this one they would never receive with an endorsement.

The signers are Buckley, Burnham, Myer and Rusher for National Review; Winter and Ryskind for Human Events, Mahoney for the NY Conservative Party; Teague for YAF, Anthony Harrigan for the Southern Industrial Conference, John Jones for the American Conservative Union, Neil McCaffrey for the Conservative Book Club (?); there were others present, however, as my source told me. Some pushed for a primary candidate. But they are looking at this as a "two-step" arrangement---not asking for politicians to step forward until they have "cleared the field."

Important to note---James Buckley's people did not participate---and some others I know of did not---because their security was so bad on the recent meetings.

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The impact of this will be I would think to "energize" the conservatives outside of Congress.

Some consideration ought to be given as to how to handle this. Do we use Reagan and Jim Buckley---are they the most effective political spokesmen? But some thought should be given to this right away; whether to low-key, tend to ignore it; and work quietly--- or what? The problem is that the press will be all over the Hill--- asking for "off the record" comments if they cannot get on the Record ones.

Will see if I can get a better listing of who was there? Would be of great interest to know if Cliff White was in attendance---for thus far I have found none who is a National political operative.