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July 24, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM: JONATHAN C. ROSE

SUBJECT: McGovern-(Henry) Wallace Isolationist Foreign Policy

In a discussion last night with a member of the CIEP staff, a career foreign service officer, I found to my amazement that this man had not realized until yesterday, that George McGovern had been a supporter of Henry Wallace in 1948. "That explains many of his utterly naive foreign policy views and puts them in context for me," he said.

This off hand remark made me realize that many Americans know only about McGovern's Vietnam "leave now" policy and perhaps too that he opposes aid to "corrupt military dictatorships". I think it would be worthwhile for our various campaigners this fall if a respected foreign policy thinker wrote a piece in some noted journal, explaining the historically naive assumptions about communism and American Foreign Policy behind the Wallace-McGovern tradition.

Many voters today, particularly those under 30, have never heard of Henry Wallace, and would not realize that McGovern is a direct descendant of that peace through weakness school. (e.g., Korean invasion of 1950 and Truman Defense Budget under Secretary Louis Johnson).

For such an article to have the desired impact and to be quotable, it could not be a standard National Review "name-calling" effort. An academic "Scoop Jackson" like John Roche, only a foreign policy expert, would be ideal as the author. I would gladly follow through on this; however, I would think Henry Kissinger would be a far more fruitful source of possible names.
TO: Jon Rose
FROM: L. Higby

Sounds like a good idea. Suggest you forward directly to Colson/Buckman -