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MEMORANDUM TO: GORDON STRACHAN

FROM: PAT BUCHANAN

You ought to get Ray Price's reading on this speech by Petersmeyer; Shelley heard it and thought it was excellent. But my reading of it is that it may be too Valenti-ish -- and before a negative, or mildly oppositionist crowd, this might be a problem. Also, don't know how this would carry before a national convention -- it seems more a speech for a small, essentially appreciative audience, or at least not hostile. With the media cynics up there in the booths, I don't know how this will carry nationally; I can't say, frankly. Again, you should check with Ray Price who would be sensitive to whether this comes across as, candidly, sycophantic.

Buchanan