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MEMORANDUM FOR: DWIGHT CHAPIN
                  DAVID PARKER
FROM:            L. HIGBY
SUBJECT:         Campaign Kick-Off Meeting in San Clemente

Bob asked me to pass on to you the fact that there is great interest in having some sort of a Campaign kick-off meeting in San Clemente in September. Basically this would be similar to what Eisenhower did in Gettysburg and probably run over a two day period. The idea would be to go out there and set up tents and have private meetings and group meetings with the big wheels, opportunities for pictures with candidates, talks with State Chairmen, National Committeemen, candidate pep talks, etc.

He has discussed this with John Mitchell and Mitchell is working out some of the details and will be getting back to Haldeman with a plan.

Bob asked that you have someone get a survey of the available facilities out there. For example, the field on the President's property needs to be leveled and grass probably planted on it or something so we can put up a tent out there to accommodate a lot of people, to see what can be done there and what needs to be done there to get ready for it.

LH:kb
Bob asked me pass on to you the fact that the President is very interested in having a Campaign kick-off meeting in San Clemente in September. Basically this would be similar to what Ike did in Gettysburg and probably run over a two-day period. It would be held after Labor Day, there would be private meetings with the big wheels, opportunities for pictures with the candidates, a large banquet or two to be held outside in a tent on the property, etc. The thought would be for perhaps the people to stay in San Diego and then come up for specific events, candidate pep talks, State Chairmen events, National Committeemen events, etc.

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Bob asked that you check and get a survey of the available facilities. The field on the President’s property needs to be leveled and grass planted there or something so that we can put up a tent there and accommodate a lot of people. He asked that you have someone make a survey of what can be done there and what needs to be done to get ready for it and get back to him.
EYES ONLY

May 1, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. MITCHELL
FROM: H. R. Haldeman

The President had a further idea regarding the San Clemente Kick-Off Meeting.

His thought was that instead of giving the acceptance speech in Miami at the Convention, he would delay it until September and give it in San Diego at the Convention Hall in conjunction with the Campaign Kick-Off.

He would, of course, go to the Convention Hall in Miami the night he is nominated and speak informally as was suggested in the television memorandum, but would say at the time that he would withhold his formal acceptance address until the San Clemente Kick-Off in September.

As you know, Bryan, Wilkie, and a number of other nominees have delivered their acceptance address at a time considerably later than the Convention. We’d have to find out if anybody who has won an election has done so. There would be some obvious advantages to this in getting us some major attention and television coverage in early September when the audiences will be bigger and the effect will be more productive to us.

Nothing should be done on this, of course, until Miami is locked, but then we might announce it so that the Californians know that this is what’s coming. We could do it on the basis that the President wants to make his acceptance speech in his home state in September.

HRH:pm
ACTION PAPER - MITCHELL

After the move to Miami is set, we should make an announcement that the President wants to have a Campaign Kick-Off Meeting of all the campaign leaders and key candidates at his home in San Clemente.

This would be something along the lines that Eisenhower did in Gettysburg. We'll set up tents and work it all out there.

The point, though, is to get the announcement out now so as to show our interest in California at a time when they may feel we're looking the other way.

HRH:pm
4/25/72
May 8, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: KATHY BACHMAN
FROM: L. HIGBY

Send 25 bumper stickers on Re-elect the President to John Brown up in Pittsburgh. Also, send about 10 of them out to my Mom out in California and do a little note from me.
MEMORANDUM FOR:  KATHY BACHMAN
FROM:  L. HIGBY

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May 9, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: KATHY BACHMAN

FROM: L. HIGBY

Kathy, get me a copy of the Vincent Price Cook Book. First of all, find out how much it cost, but I think I'm going to purchase one for Dolores for Mother's Day.

LH:pm
May 16, 1972

Dear Mrs. Cox:

Mr. Haldeman has asked that I forward the attached to you for your information.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Higby
Administrative Assistant
to R. R. Haldeman

Mrs. Edward F. Cox
In Care of The White House
Washington, D.C.

LH: car

Att: ORC poll + fact sheet on Support
May 11, 1972

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: DWIGHT CHAPIN

FROM: L. HIGBY

I assume you have Magruder’s people going on the information Timmons passed to you on the operation in Florida to collect petitions supporting the President. If not, this would seem to be a natural for them and you may want to mention it to them.

LH:kb
May 10, 1972

Dear Mrs. Cox:

Mr. Haldeman has asked that the attached be forwarded to you for your information.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Higby
Administrative Assistant to H. R. Haldeman

Mrs. Edward F. Cox
In Care of The White House
Washington, D.C.

LH: car

att: copy of ORC Poll on Pierre Baccig
MEMORANDUM FOR: DWIGHT CHAPIN
FROM: L. HIGBY

Bob asked that I pass on to you the following instructions:

-- In our counter-actions against demonstrators, we should have a sign prepared to put up at all occasions where they put up a "Stop the War" sign. It should say, "Tell it to Hanoi". Will you please get whoever is working on our whole counter-demonstration effort in on this and make sure it is done and give me some brief written confirmation.

Thank you.
May 1, 1972

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Sincerely,

Lawrence N. Higby
Administrative Assistant
to H. R. Haldeman

Mrs. Edward F. Cox
In Care of The White House
Washington, D.C.

LH:car
May 1, 1972

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DWIGHT CHAPIN
FROM: L. HIGBY

One idea that Bob asked that you consider strongly is that of putting Tex McCrary on as one of the people to work on the Wolper films. You will recall that we were looking for people to do the scripts, etc., there and some of the people we have come up with so far weren't acceptable. McCrary would be acceptable.

LH:kb
May 16, 1972

Dear Mrs. Eisenhower:

Mr. Haldeman has asked that I forward the attached to you for your information.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Higby
Administrative Assistant
to H. R. Haldeman

Mrs. David Eisenhower
In Care of The White House
Washington, D.C.

LH:car

att: Poll from OEC
+ fact sheet on support
May 10, 1972

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Administrative Assistant to H. R. Haldeman

Mrs. David Eisenhower
In Care of The White House
Washington, D.C.

LH: car

att: ORC Poll on P/ine Backing
May 1, 1972

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Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Higby
Administrative Assistant
to H. R. Haldeman

Mrs. David Eisenhower
In Care of The White House
Washington, D.C.

Lil: car
May 19, 1972

Dear Hank:

Your father thought you might be interested in the attached article from the STAR-LEDGER, "Priest terms mining a 'passive weapon'", so I'm passing it on for your information.

Hope all is going well with you.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Higby
Administrative Assistant
to H.R. Haldeman

Mr. Hank Haldeman
Hedrick Hall - UCLA
250 De Neve Circle
Los Angeles, California
90024

Attachment

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NIXON SPEECHWRITER CITES 'MORAL' ACT

President mining as 'passive weapon'

A Jesuit, who serves as a deputy special assistant to President Nixon, yesterday called the mining of the North Vietnam harbors a "third of passive weapon." Mr. Nixon, admitting mining of the harbor is risky, Rev. Dr. John McLaughlin described the President's action as a "move toward termination" of the Vietnam War.

"I think it will bring the matter to a head and we will forestall the possibility of unacceptable consequences," said Father McLaughlin in an interview before he addressed the Labor Institute at St. Peter's College, Jersey City.

He said the unacceptable consequences would be the "bunching of people" in South Vietnam if American troops and support were withdrawn.

Father McLaughlin said the risk develops from the possibility of unacceptable consequences, but he argued the President had no other alternative from a moral standpoint.

"From a moral point of view, I believe the President's action was proper," he declared.

He said it was a case of deciding between the "lesser of two evils." However, Father McLaughlin said he thought that the level of risk is permissible because Nixon made it clear his action was not directed at any other government and the tone of his statement was one of a reconciler.

"He was not flexing his muscles," said the priest. "It was the only acceptable alternative."

When asked about Sen. Mike Gravel's (D-Alaska) statement that mining was ruled out during the Johnson Administration because of the risk, Father McLaughlin said:

"The circumstances are different now. It is a mechanized war, and the North Vietnamese are dependent on the ships.

"The President's action is designed to cut off the supply of the North Vietnamese. You can't stockpile petroleum, and the President's move may have the effect of lessening the supplies."

Father McLaughlin said the "mines do it themselves" in pointing out they were a passive weapon.

"The responsibility is on the intruding party," he said. He said the seeding of the mines was designed to prevent the arrival of material for aggressive acts.

At this point, he said, it is a matter of semantics whether the President could be called a "blockade."

"I don't think that is a proper description at this point because we are not stopping, searching, or seizing ships," he said.

Father McLaughlin has written speeches for Mr. Nixon while working mainly as a speechwriter for the President.
May 18, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN
FROM: L. HIGBY
SUBJECT: Gant Shirts

We have done an area wide search for the Gant shirt you need and have been unsuccessful. I've talked to Gant Shirt Company at their headquarters in New York. They inform me they no longer make the shirt you want, that they stopped making it last September. They, too, conducted an area wide search of old shirts in stock in the Washington area and found there were none.

Arthur Adler advises me the next best shirt is a sero, but it is not perma press. They will be happy to send one over if you so desire.

We do have Gant shirts with the Hugger cut attached.

Attachment

LH:kb
May 15, 1972

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MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN
FROM: L. HIGBY

Ambassador Bush called you late on Saturday. I took the call. He wanted to check to see if you were able to do anything regarding the Hobby situation. He said he would be seeing Mrs. Hobby when he went to Texas this week and if you weren't able to do anything he would try and work on her.

LH:kmt
May 13, 1972

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN
FROM: L. HIGBY
SUBJECT: Bill Carruthers/Films

You indicated you may want to go through and get a catalogue of your films, this weekend, for Bill Carruthers to use with the Wolper films that are being produced.

LH:kb
May 3, 1972

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL.

MEMORANDUM FOR:  H. R. HALDEMAN
FROM:  L. HIGBY
SUBJECT:  Vice Presidential Visit to Polish Event

One more fact on the Vice Presidential visit to the Polish event on May 7th --

Mitchell talked directly to the Vice President on this issue and urged that he do it. The Vice President said that he was sorry but that he couldn't unless the President wanted him to do it. He said he would not turn down the President, if it was a Presidential request. This is where the matter stands.

The question now becomes whether or not you want to raise this with the President and make it, in fact, a Presidential request.

LH:kb
May 3, 1972

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:       H. R. HALDEMAN
FROM:                   L. HIGBY
SUBJECT:                Speech Material for Mrs. Nixon and the Girls

Per your request, I talked to Ray Price again on speech materials for the girls and Mrs. Nixon about the importance the President attached to this whole project. He indicated to me that, after some difficulties that we all discussed a few weeks ago, things have been going very well.

As a counter-check to this, I talked to Dave Parker to see if he concurred in the fact that the girls were receiving adequate material far enough in advance to have it useful. He confirmed that this was the case and that we have installed a dax machine in the Secret Service headquarters down in Jacksonville to make sure that we have even better communication with Julie and are able to get materials to her on time.
May 2, 1972

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN
FROM: L. HIGBY
SUBJECT: Daily Political Meetings

In his memorandum to you, April 29, (attached) the President raised with you the importance of meeting with the political group and developing the strategies with regard to the key Democratic candidates. This also raises once again the need you have expressed to establish a daily political meeting.

I would be my recommendation that you begin this meeting as soon as possible so that it is an operational fact, prior to the departure for Russia. Also, the meeting could be a convenient vehicle for making some long-term assignments that could be worked on during the Russian period.

Three immediate issues come to mind:

1. Strategy for all key candidates -- The meeting would comply with the President's request for our coordinated strategies on McGovern, Humphrey and Kennedy.

2. Our stance on the key issues -- Ehrlichman, for the past three weeks, I believe, was supposed to be developing these, but so far nothing has come about. The meeting would be a good vehicle to use to press Ehrlichman into action.
3. Political line -- The meeting could be used to set the appropriate political line on the issues raised in the morning News Summary that may be in doubt. It would act as a guidance vehicle, a check on Colson, and give Mitchell the feeling that this area is being pulled together.

For your earlier instruction, the participants in the meeting would be Mitchell, Colson, Ehrlichman and MacGregor. If this is still the case, I would suggest that you hold the first meeting on Wednesday, May 3, immediately following the 8:15 a.m. staff meeting.

Gordon Strachan should sit in on these daily meetings as notetaker (although I'd sure like to do so).

Attachment
May 2, 1972

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN
FROM: L. HIGBY
SUBJECT: Daily Political Meeting.

In his memorandum to you, April 29, (attached) the President raised with you again the importance of meeting with the political group and developing the strategies with regard to the key Democratic candidates. This raises once again the need to establish a daily political meeting such as you have suggested.

It would be my recommendation that you begin this meeting as soon as possible so that it is an operational fact, prior to the departure for Russia. Also, the meeting could be a convenient vehicle for making some rather long-term assignments that could be worked on during the Russian period.

Two immediate issues come to mind:

1. Our stance on the key issues -- Ehrlichman, now for the past three weeks, I believe, was supposed to be doing this, but so far nothing has come about and it would be a good vehicle to use to press Ehrlichman, hopefully, into some action.

2. Strategy for all key candidates -- This would comply with the President's request for our coordinated strategies on McGovern, Humphrey and Kennedy.
3. Continuing to set the appropriate political line on the issues raised in the morning News Summary that may be in doubt. This would act as a guidance vehicle and also a check on Colson and give Mitchell the feeling that this is being pulled together.

Per your earlier instruction, the participants in the meeting would be Mitchell, Colson, Ehrlichman, and MacGregor. If this is still the case, I would suggest that you hold the first meeting on Wednesday, May 2, immediately following the 8:15 a.m. staff meeting.

Gordon Strachan should sit in on these daily meetings as notetaker.

Attachment

LH:kb
MEMORANDUM FOR: BRUCE KEHRLI
FROM: LARRY HIGBY

Mrs. Haldeman will be wanting to go up to Camp David if possible to spend Memorial Day weekend up there. She probably will be taking her Mother and possibly some friends. Bob would like us to work this out if possible but doesn't want us to kick anybody out if that's what it comes down to or anything like that. He would like somebody here to handle this situation for Mrs. Haldeman and be in touch with her to see what can be worked out. Please handle -
May 11, 1972

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRUCE KEHRLI
FROM: L. HIGBY

Bob wants us to work out a deal whereby the Committee is paying for the girls any time they travel. The theory would be if they traveled down here, they are traveling to consult with the President. Will you please see mechanically how this could be set up, what the problems would be and what steps he would need to take to get this done. Don't do it, just figure out what needs to be done.

Please let me know what's happening on the air travel by tomorrow.

Thank you.

LH:kb