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N-3 [DOC #33] § [DX #34]	Memo	Huston to the middle America Group, re: Disaffection among the ethnics <u>attachment:</u> Letter, Paul M. Deoc to President, re: "forgotten americans", 2/19/71	2/23/71	C
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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 23, 1971

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE MIDDLE AMERICA GROUP
FROM: TOM CHARLES HUSTON *TH*
SUBJECT: DISAFFECTION AMONG THE ETHNICS

Attached is a copy of a communication addressed to the President by the leadership of the National Confederation of American Ethnic Groups. While this organization leaves a great deal to be desired as a vehicle for our access to ethnics at the grassroots, it is an organization that has been friendly and could be of some assistance. Its complaints are not without justification and its evaluation of the threat of a Democratic flanking attack is exactly on target.

To the extent we ignore the substance of these complaints, we will find ourselves in 1972 with precious little support among ethnics. Our present efforts in this area are totally inadequate; if we are serious about reaching the ethnics, we had better get off our fannies . . . and soon!

Attachment

cc: ~~/~~ H. R. Haldeman

February 19, 1971

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We have been directed by our national board of directors to respectfully address to you, on behalf of our Confederation and its many affiliated organizations, the memorandum herewith attached.

We trust, Mr. President, that the contents of this memorandum will be taken as inspired solely by our loyal attachment to you and concern for your Administration.

We further trust our memorandum will be given the serious consideration and followup action it deserves.

In the last two years, we have tried all other means and channels available to call the Administration's attention to the tragic plight of the more than 40 million ethnic Americans, many of whom are proud to be counted among your loyal supporters. But to no avail. The "forgotten American" remains just that -- forgotten.

This continued neglect is causing widespread bitterness and disillusionment among our ethnic groups who recall that the focal point of your 1968 campaign was your promise to do something for the "forgotten American."

Our leadership cannot overlook the fact that while the problems of other minorities are given top priority by the Administration, ethnic Americans continue to be ignored. Ethnic whites are denied participation in the benefits of the President's war on poverty, Model Cities and many other benefits and programs made available to others.

We are also reminded that ethnic appointments to positions of responsibility are precious few compared to the consideration given other smaller, more vocal minorities.

Whether it is the war against communist aggression in Vietnam or the Administration's legislative policies, we have consistently been among your most ardent and most loyal supporters. Yet, it is the opponents of the Administration that are getting all the advantages.

We are sorry to have to point out that so far at least, the Administration has been unresponsive to ethnic Americans. This situation is causing great concernment to those of our leaders who predicted things would be different under a Nixon Administration.

Recent developments are fast making our position as friends and supporters of your Administration untenable, as shown by the enclosed newspaper.

We are submitting specifics of this alarming situation so corrective action can be taken before more damage is done.

May we suggest as a preliminary a meeting, Mr. President, with a delegation from our Confederation. If this should be unfeasible in the immediate future, we shall be glad to meet with anyone of your assistants you may wish to designate provided he is given authority to take appropriate action.

Anticipating to hear from you in this important matter, we wish to assure you, Mr. President, of our loyal and respectful consideration.

For the National Assembly of Representatives,

Dr. Austin J. App
Chairman

Paul H. Bone
Executive Vice President

Enclosure

