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In addition, Dailey recommends use of the Connally 5's on October 28 when the November Group has a three network buy. The Connally 5 would be prepared from the 30-minute tape.

Recommendation:

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Approve ______ Disapprove ______ Comments

Budget Matters

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MEMORANDUM

TO:  GORDON STRACHAN

FROM:  PETER DAILEY

SUBJECT:  Defense Spot

October 5, 1972

While I have not had an opportunity to discuss your memo with Jeb or Clark, I will do so tomorrow. Meanwhile, here are some thoughts:

Since we do not know the content of Senator McGovern's October 9 Vietnam speech, it may not be advisable to place defense spots in a close proximity to his time period, particularly since national defense, as you know, is a complex issue.

As to the suggestion that we purchase local television time in Massachusetts and the D.C. area as a means of indicating to McGovern that he has no safe areas... we like the idea. It could create a further distraction for him. The basic problem is lack of money. Someone has to get to Maurice Stans and tell him what the real budget is. As far as he's concerned, the Committee is already today $40,000 over-spent. As far as Stans is concerned, there is money for the network commercials through Election Day as planned, but no further money for local TV, radio, or newspaper effort.

We suggest not using the "Turnaround" commercial in close proximity to the McGovern speech for the same reason stated earlier, we are not sure of the content of his speech. We believe we should run the "Turnaround" commercial in selected local markets. As you know, we hesitate to use this nationally.

We will discuss this with Messrs. Magruder and MacGregor tomorrow and get their comments to you as soon as possible.

cc:  Dwight Chapin
     Jeb Magruder
October 5, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:  H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM:  L. HIGBY

SUBJECT:  Democrats for Nixon
          T.V. Ads

Jeb Magruder called me from his office to report that he is meeting with Leonard Marks right now and that Connally talked to Marks last night with explicit instructions that Marks is to cancel any advertising for Democrats for Nixon that makes their budget go over $1,000,000. By the end of next week we will have spent $1,444,000 which means that if we are to follow Connally's instructions, we will have to cancel all of the Democrats for Nixon advertising for the next week. Connally also told Marks that he really didn't like the idea of doing 1/2 hours, but would if the President really wanted him to. He thought five minutes might be better.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN
FROM: GORDON STRACHAN
SUBJECT: Campaign Advertising

Week of October 16 Advertising

At the October 9 Budget Meeting, Secretary Stans approved the 630 expenditure for Network and local TV advertising for the week of October 16. The suggested network schedule attached at Tab A includes Older Americans, Environment, the Record and Youth 5's. The recommended 60-second spot for network and local placement for next week is the attack McGovern Turnaround credibility spot. The revised script you asked Dailey to prepare dropping Inheritance Tax and adding Amnesty is attached at Tab B.

Recommendation:

That Dailey's recommended week of October 16 advertising schedule be approved.

Approve ❌ Disapprove _____ Comments

Democrats for Nixon Advertising

There is a problem with running the Turnaround next week. As Higby informed you on October 5, Connally will not approve any DFN TV after this week because DFN has not raised money to pay for the spots. Either Connally must accept money from Stans (the money for the DFN spots is included in the Stans approved October 16 advertising budget) or the Turnaround spot must be run under the CRP auspices and tagline. Magruder and Dailey strongly oppose running the Turnaround spot, as harshest attack commercial, with a CRP by-line. A detailed description of the DFN advertising expenditures is attached at Tab C.
Haldeman to cover with Connally.  
Run Turnaround with CRP by-line.  No.  

Another use of the Turnaround TV spot that has not received a decision is the Chapin suggestion that the Turnaround be placed in every local media market McGovern goes to where there is enough lead time to place the spot.

Yes, implement Chapin suggestion re sandwich McGovern with Turnaround.

No, drop idea.  Unless

Russia Spot

You asked Dailey for the revised Russia spot script which deletes Tanya and makes the point about "hard negotiations and tough bargaining". The script is attached at Tab D. The changes from the previous script are printed above the typed text of the new version. The substantial segments that are entirely new are noted.

Recommendation:

That the revised Russia spot script be approved with the next scheduled use of the Russia spot during the week of October 13.

Approve  Disapprove

Comments.
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October 10, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: N. R. HALEMANN
FROM: GORDON STRACHAN
SUBJECT: Campaign Advertising

Week of October 16 Advertising

At the October 9 Budget Meeting, Secretary Stans approved the $30 expenditure for Network and local TV advertising for the week of October 16. The suggested network schedule attached at Tab A includes Older Americans, Environment, the Record and Youth 5's. The recommended 60-second spot for network and local placement for next week is the attack McGovern Turnaround credibility spot. The revised script you asked Dailey to prepare dropping Inheritance Tax and adding Amnesty is attached at Tab B.

Recommendation:

That Dailey’s recommended week of October 16 advertising schedule be approved.

Approve       Disapprove       Comments

Democrats for Nixon Advertising

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- Yes, implement Chapin suggestion re sandwich McGovern with Turnaround.
- No, drop idea.

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Recommendation:

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- Approve
- Disapprove

Comments.

GS/jb
October 10, 1972

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Yes, implement Chapin suggestion re sandwich McGovern with Turnaround.

No, drop idea.

Russia Spot

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Recommendation:

That the revised Russia spot script be approved with the next scheduled use of the Russia spot during the week of October 23.

Approve Disapprove

Comments.

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