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DOCUMENT WITHDRAWAL RECORD [NIXON PROJECT]

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N-1 [Doc 124]	Memo	Memorandum on Strategy, Tactics, now and wisconsin, with attached draft copy	3/23/72	C (mix)
N-2 [Doc 125]	Memo	Khachigian to Buchanan, re: "nonpartisan" voter education, with attached draft copy	3/8/72	C (mix)
N-3 [Doc 126]	Memo	Talking Points (Democratic Situation) - The new Hampshire Democratic Primaries, with 2 draft copies	3/7/72	C (mix)
N-4 [Doc 127]	Memo	Research Two for Research One, re: Division of responsibilities attached to N-4	3/2/72	C (mix)
N-5 [Doc 128]	Memo notes	"notes on attack material" [attached to N-4 case file]	2/14/72	C (mix)
N-6 [Doc 129] [Doc 130]	Notes	Handwritten, "Phone discussion with w/Strachan..." [attached to N-4 case file attachments: 1) Handwritten notes, re: "Meeting, 2/22/72 Dick Howard, Bob Chase, Van Shumway, Peter Millspaugh" 2) ^{Two} Draft copies of N-4 memo, 2/28/72 - 12/25/72	2/10/72	C (mix)

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On the surface, it would be in our distinct interest for George Wallace to once again upset the field -- or at least pull as many delegates away as he can. Continued success by Wallace simply drives him deeper into the Democratic National Convention and sets the stage even more clearly for the assertion that the national Democrats are out of step with their rank and file.

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Thus, our recommendation, strange as it may seem, is to sit back and wait until the Wisconsin primary is over when we can assess with more directness where our attention ought to lie. If anything be done, it is to help George Wallace.

At the risk of repeating ourselves, opposition attack activities must serve a purpose which meshes with our own campaign strategy, which furthers RN's chances of winning and which strikes heavy blows with effectiveness. Lacking these aims, we should just sit back and wait. That is about where we are now, and our reluctance to go on the offensive is guided by our best judgment of the road to Miami at this point in time.

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DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

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-- Frankly, we had considered Muskie to have the nomination virtually sewed up. To win by such a narrow margin indicates that Muskie, as of now, might not make the distance and that Hubert Humphrey must be considered a very real challenge to the Muskie candidacy. Humphrey is a much better campaigner, and as the titular head of the Democratic party has a great deal of broad-based support throughout the country. The big winner of the N.H. Primary was the man who didn't even appear on the ballot -- Hubert Humphrey.

-- If Muskie scores between 50% and 60%, much of the same above applies. It should be considered the most minimal of victories for Muskie and a pyrrhic victory. Anything less than 60% in his political back yard indicates a great weakening of Muskie's support.

-- If he gets around 65%, it should be noted that this was very much expected -- that we thought he would get at least 65%, especially considering his lack of major opposition and his geographic proximity. Only a Muskie victory of 70% could be considered anything near the proportions of a candidate who is supposed to be so clearly a "frontrunner."

-- In light of Muskie's small margin of victory, Republicans will surely reassess Muskie's strength. He certainly is no longer the formidable "Lincolnesque" figure that he might have been considered.

-- Asked about the crying incident, we have no comment on how it affected the election. The public should be the judge of a presidential candidate's loss of composure over one or two isolated news articles. There is some question on how Muskie would hold up against the pressures of a full-blown presidential campaign and the pressures of the Oval Office. After all, it is just starting. Most likely, Muskie's indecisiveness and the uncertainty on where he stands probably hurt Muskie more than anything else.

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(Democratic Election)

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