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THE WHITE HOUSE
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 10, 1972

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MEMORANDUM FOR GORDON STRACHAN

FROM: KENNETH L. KHACHIGIAN *ke*

John Lindsay is to be on Meet the Press this Sunday, and the attached queries, drawn up by me, were given to Al Snyder and Dick Howard for Nick Timmesch who is going to be on the panel.

I have suggested that other members of the panel also see the questions, for the obvious reason that Nick cannot use all of them.

cc: Mr. Buchanan

Attachment

QUESTIONS FOR JOHN LINDSAY

Mr. Mayor: You have been campaigning throughout the country citing your record on air pollution in New York and telling audiences you have been doing well in this area. Last week, a report found that the air in New York was 7% dirtier today than it was in 1969. Will you tell your audiences this fact about air pollution in New York?

Mr. Mayor: You have repeatedly said that the only way to get back American POW's is to set a date and get out of Vietnam. The North Vietnamese have expressly rejected this, countering that the U. S. must overthrow the Thieu regime before progress can be made to end the war. Are you in favor of overthrowing the government in Saigon and in favor of the communist government that the enemy seems to be demanding?

Mr. Mayor: Senator McGovern's representatives complained that your supporters, for example during the Arizona precinct elections, were "rude, pushy and arrogant." Do you condone this activity by your workers?

Mr. Mayor: In Florida two weeks ago, you told a Cuban audience that "the ultimate goal is normalization of relations between the two countries." Does that mean if elected President you will recognize the government of Fidel Castro?

Mr. Mayor: You have said busing is "an extremely appropriate tool for integration, among other tools." Yet your children go to private schools. Don't you feel strange calling for millions of Americans to have their children bussed to different schools while your children go to private schools?

Mr. Mayor: The police force in New York City is larger than the army of Denmark. Why do people of New York not feel safe to walk its streets at night?

Mr. Mayor: Police corruption has become quite an issue in New York City. There is strong evidence that you knew about widespread police corruption in 1967, your assistant, Jay Kriegal having been told about it by two policemen. Even Time magazine wondered why you were "so tardy in exercising control" when you received word of corruption. Why did you wait four years to do something?

Mr. Mayor: How would you characterize Senator Muskie's ruling a black man off his presidential ticket?

Mr. Mayor: On April 30, 1970 at the University of Pennsylvania, you said that you felt "unending admiration" for those who refused to serve in Vietnam? You also called men who would not serve, "heroic." Why do you feel that way about draft-dodgers?

Mr. Mayor: Bruce Llewellyn, president of the FEDCO Foods Corporation, the country's largest minority-owned supermarket chain, said of your actions: "I think Harlem is a disaster area compared with five years ago." Other blacks in New York have been quite critical of you. Yet you continue to say that you have strong black support. How do you square this contradiction?

Mr. Mayor: Your fellow Democrat in New York, Matthew Troy, called your administration: "inefficient, extravagant and in some instances incompetent." Does this indicate lack of support in your own back yard?

Mr. Mayor: Why do you think that George Meany feels, as he says, "completely negative" about you, and that if you are the Democratic nominee, he will vote for Mr. Nixon? He said you were not doing a good job as Mayor.

Mr. Mayor: A prominent Democratic leader in New York, Edward Costikyan, said: "it is irresponsible for New Yorkers to mislead the American people into believing that Mayor Lindsay is capable of performing the duties of the Presidency. Certainly his stewardship of the city gives no evidence of such capacity." Just why do literally dozens of people give you such poor marks as Mayor?

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 1, 1972

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR GORDON STRACHAN

FROM: KENNETH L. KHACHIGIAN *KLK*

Buchanan and I feel that the business about deception in Muskie's TV announcement is not the type of thing that is worthwhile pursuing -- i. e., with special regard to this particular column in the Maine Times. The Maine Times, we discovered, is a small, offset, handout up in Maine and is not even listed anywhere in Editor and Publisher.

Mostly, however, it is our opinion that Muskie's announcement has already received a great deal of ink -- much of it negative -- and that use of this particular home state criticism would not be that helpful. We feel that it is much more important now to target on two states -- New Hampshire and Florida -- where we have a disinterest in Muskie's success. In this case, Florida is the more likely candidate. What we really need is a targetable effort to derail Muskie in Florida, and we have recommended such steps over the last few weeks.

We will keep this editorial and will plan to use it if the question of merchandising candidates comes up -- but for the time being, Buchanan reacts negatively to any particular effort on this editorial. Let me know of any further thinking.

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bcc: Buchanan