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Copy of hand-written letter

John Merrill Olin

7701 Forsyth Boulevard

St. Louis, Missouri 63105

May 15th, 1971

Dear Dick:

When we visited briefly on March 25th at your White House dinner - which I enjoyed very much - I apologized for not acknowledging your letter of November 18, 1970 in which you discussed the results of the earlier November election. not able to accept the result thereof with any feeling other than disappointment and I determined to endeavor to seek reasons In 1968 I undertook to organize Congressman for such a result. Tom Curtis's campaign for Senator from Missouri financial responsibilities. The campaign was moving along quite well until about ten days before election when organized labor contributed a substantial sum of money for prime T.V. and radio time in support of Tom's opponent, Tom Eagleton. This was the turning point in Tom Curtis' campaign and resulted in his defeat by about 30,000 votes. I make this explanation to explain my action following the 1970 election as I determined to have the political action of labor related to the 1970 election studied in the belief that much of the success of the elected candidates was due to the political acts of labor. Accordingly I arranged with Ronald Crawford of F/P Research Associates to make a study in depth

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I am pleased to send you herewith a condensed summary of the more important findings of the study which to me is very informative and brings into rather sharp focus the tremendous and alarming political power of labor which if not curbed must necessarily result in a labor controlled country - if this has not already occurred.

The Crawford complete to date report is available to you if you wish to have it - I have had Crawford give a copy to Harry Dent and I have also asked Ron Crawford to brief Maury Stans on the report and also to give a copy to John Mitchell. Strategy with respect to its findings and use thereof obviously should be carefully evolved and coordinated and I do hope you will lend your tremendous knowledge, ability and leadership to organizing an effort hopefully to overcome the tremendous and advantageous political position labor has so successfully attained. My own appraisal of labor's present political power leads me to the conclusion their power and success stems from the preferred position they occupy to collect dues and assessments upon a tax exempt basis from their members who lose all control of the expenditures politically and which gives a very sophisticated political organization money and



denied to any other group in this country. It occurs to me the remedy is to eliminate the tax exempt status of labor politically.

I enclose the October 26, 1970 release of COPE, also a copy of a letter from George Meany to Alexander Barkan, Director of COPE and a clipping from the Atlanta Constitution January 1, 1971 stating Meany's views re you and your Administration which I send only to refresh your memory.

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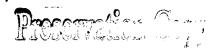
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