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N-1 [DOC #26]	Memo	From Marik, to Strachan Re: Potential Computer Applications For 1972"	7/15/71	C (Nixon)
N-2 [DOC #27]	Memo	(Handwritten) From "BK" to "Hud" Re: "WH Computer System (Political Use) Undated	Undated	C (Nixon)
N-3 [DOC #28]	Memo	From Magruder to Strachan Re: White House Computers	5/17/71	C (Nixon)
N-4 [DOC #29]	Memo	From Huntman to: Re: Use of the White House Computers	5/13/71	C (Nixon)
N-5 [DOC #30]	Memo	From Huntman to: Dean Re: Use of the White House Computers.	5/13/71	C (Nixon)
N-6 [DOC #31]	Memo	From Huntman to: Joyce Re: Computer E.O.B.	5/1/71	C (Nixon)
N-7 [DOC #32]	Memo	From Pural to Kehrl, Re: Follow-up to Ron's memo to Huntman	11/17/71	C (Nixon)
N-8 [DOC #136]	Memo	Copy of N-5	5/13/71	C (Nixon)
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MEMORANDUM FOR: GORDON STRACHAN  
FROM: BOB MARIK  
SUBJECT: POTENTIAL COMPUTER APPLICATIONS FOR 1972

In response to your memo of July 7, I have summarized below pertinent information on items 1-10 of the original computer application recommendations.

1. Public Statements by the President, as reported in the news media, are retained on the RNC Miracode filing system. They can be retrieved only by the subject codes originally assigned, as opposed to some computerized systems which can retrieve on any combination of words in the text. The RNC response time is a few hours to a day or two, depending on the extent of material desired and its priority.
2. Administration Proposals Sent to Congress, along with their status or ultimate disposition, are not systematically indexed anywhere outside of the White House and Congress as far as I know.
3. Information on Federal Programs - same as (2) above.
4. Grants and Public Works Projects - same as (2) above.
5. Economic Data on a Demographic Basis does not come from the Census Bureau on a current basis, I believe. I am pursuing this through the Department of Labor (unemployment), and will also check with HEW (welfare). The Domestic Council may have some good lines of communication to the proper sources. This will take a few weeks to work out, but I will let you know when the data flow is established.
6. Voting Records of Congressmen. The RNC is keeping records of the votes of the Presidential contenders. They are published monthly, and more frequently as their activities increase. Specific data could be retrieved within a day or less. Through the Congressional Research Service at

the Library of Congress one may obtain voting records by bill as well as Administration action. Voting record by Senator or Congressman is only given to his staff. Voting record requests are answered immediately, but the time frame varies for Administration position.

7. Legislation Introduced by Congressmen. As you mentioned, this is useful primarily for the contenders, and the RNC includes that in their Miracode system and their monthly summaries.

OK 8. Federal Patronage is less important than grantsmanship in seeking votes in a Congressional district. It is probably not worth putting on the computer.

OK 9. Published Public Opinion Polls. We have been working with Joyce Baker at the RNC from time to time and have found their data base and response time very adequate (within a few hours or less when required). Their weekly summary of the polls is succinct and thorough. In addition, the Citizens Committee is maintaining graphs of a few indicator polls to measure trends over time.

10. Past Voting Data. A major part of our campaign research program, in concert with the RNC, will be to summarize the information in the most usable form and to have it available on the computer for rapid retrieval in any format. The RNC has completed its file of voting history for all states by county, for President, Governor, Senator and Congressmen over the past ten years. They will combine that information with demographic census data to produce a wide variety of useful analyses.

cc: Bruce Kehrli