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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL
Date: October 17, 1971 (2:23 p.m.)
FROM: David H. Parker

MEETING: Oral Roberts (similar drop-by as Paul Harvey Meeting)

DATE: 

PURPOSE: He reaches thousands of people over the radio, a part of the media which we haven’t used to the fullest extent. His audience is mainly in the South and Southwest; fundamentalists and Wallaceites. Meeting would provide some ripples of support for President as came from Harvey meeting.

FORMAT: - Oval Office
- 10 minutes

PRESS COVERAGE: White House photographer only

STAFF: Harry Dent

RECOMMEND: Colson
Dent
Klein -- "He reaches a lot of people. I’d favor this without publicity."
Timmons

AGAINST: Moore -- "I realize that Mr. Roberts has an enthusiastic following, but I think that the President’s strong friendship with Billy Graham fully covers this particular base without risk. To add Mr. Roberts might amount to overkill."

BACKGROUND: Oral Roberts was a Pentecostal minister for many years but converted to the Methodist Church two years ago and is now considered much more moderate than in his early days though he still has a heavy conservative following. His radio and television programs reach 20 million in the South and Southwest.
PRESS FOLLOW-UP: Roberts will air his support of the President on his programs.

APPROVE ☑ DISAPPROVE _____
MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID PARKER
FROM DICK MOORE
SUBJECT: ORAL ROBERTS

I have the feeling that Mr. Roberts is considered marginal by a great many people who are suspicious of so-called faith healing. I realize that Mr. Roberts has an enthusiastic following, but I think that the President's strong friendship with Billy Graham fully covers this particular base without risk. To add Mr. Roberts might amount to overkill.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 10-18-71

TO: DAVE PARKER

FROM: OCT 18 PM BOSTON STRACHAN

Per your request.

N.6: What is the staffing of the PHS on this?

Mr. Parker: 10/19

Staffing is attached. Dick Moore is the only one yet to respond. I checked with him on Oct. 15th.

A's coming - wait for

PRESERVATION COPY
MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 15, 1971

TO: Bob Haldeman
FROM: Harry Dent

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In addition, Roberts has established a university in Tulsa. Oriented to conservatism, it has enjoyed phenomenal success.

Roberts can be of great help in our effort to reach the conservatives, and I propose we have him in sometime soon.
follow-up sent Oct. 15
MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 5, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK HOWARD
FROM: ALVIN SNYDER
SUBJECT: Oral Roberts' Meeting with the President

I think a meeting with Oral Roberts would be an excellent idea. He has a huge following on radio where he does regularly scheduled sermons on network hookups. His following is at least as large as Paul Harvey's and although Mr. Roberts doesn't have the stature of a Billy Graham, he is extremely well known and I feel a session with the President would be a useful one. As we saw with Paul Harvey these things have a way of paying off.

I think the impact of radio cannot be overlooked in our overall plan to make maximum use of the media.

Dave -

Mr. Colson agrees with the above.

-Dick-
September 21, 1971
5:33 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR:  CHARLES COLSON
                  HERB KLEIN
                  DICK MOORE
                  JOHN SCALI
                  BILL TIMMONS

FROM:  DAVID PARKER

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Recommend a meeting! Roberts, fundamentalists and his radio program popular in many areas of South & Southwest. His audience is Wallace-type politically & we can use help. However, it would be good balance to work in a Jew and Roman Catholic at some convenient time also.

B.T.
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HERB KLEIN
DICK MOORE
JOHN SCALI
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I'm neutral on this.

(Scali)
As you can see from the attached memorandum from Dent, he believes that the President should meet with Oral Roberts. There may be a problem with this resulting from Alex Butterfield's activities in obtaining a minister for the recent church service. Presumably you will check Alex and have Dave Parker submit a schedule request.
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