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MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN
FROM: CHARLES COLSON
SUBJECT: Kevin Phillips Column

A very good friend of mine in the press corps has warned me that Kevin Phillips has a hatchet column that he has written about me. It is apparently very negative which will, of course, initiate me into the very select circle of White House staffers who have been bludgeoned by Phillips. Curiously, I have never met Phillips nor did he ever call me about the article.

Thus far it appears that his publisher will kill it (I do have one or two friends somewhere). I have been reliably told who fed him the information if you are ever interested. *- Mitchell Magruder.*

What is more disturbing is that my friend has told me that Phillips had access to a secret memo that I wrote on April 6, 1970. It was either read to him or given to him. Fortunately, as you will see, it is (relatively speaking for me) a carefully written memo. What scares hell out of me is that there are a lot of other memos around here written by me, you and others that could blow us right out of the water. If someone is going to the lengths they obviously are to dredge up the old memo attached, who knows what else they might let out? It is possible, perhaps even probable that one of the addressees of this memo gave it to Phillips. Perhaps some sleuthing should be done although I am very concerned that it might cause Phillips to force his publisher to release the column.