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MEMORANDUM FOR H. R. HALDEMAN

As Dr. Moyihan left for Europe Friday night, he asked that I relay
the three points he raised in his meeting with the President concerning
a Presidential statement in the event the Family Assistance Plan passes
the House this coming week:

(1) The Family Assistance Plan is the single most important
piece of social legislation in four decades. It is a great
event that such legislation has passed the House, and
passed by such an impressive margin.

(2) There is a strong indication from this event that when
Americans see a problem they can come together to
solve it: Republicans and Democrats, Wilbur Mills
and John Byrnes, the AFL-CIO and the National Asso-
ciation of Manufacturers; United States Catholic Con-
ference, Synagogue Council of America, and National
Council of Churches -- these and many other groups
and individuals working together made this event
possible.

(3) Past welfare programs have divided us as a people. The
Family Assistance Plan is a proposal which will bring
us together. Blacks will benefit substantially from the
proposal, but the clear majority of those receiving assis-
tance will be white. (In 1971, 5.3 million families would
be covered, 2 million white families and 1.3 million non-
white families, with payments per family averaging $1060
annually).

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