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PERSONAL

MEMORANDUM FOR

H. R. HALDEMAN

JOHN D. EHRLICHMAN

One recent version of this story had a White House aide declaring "Let's face it, the President has clasped a viper to his breast...."

For all the home spun biblical charm of the image, this here viper is not amused.

I took that reorganization without a murmur, and threatened to thrash any of my young men who as much as said a word about it.

Would you in turn tell whoever it is to knock it off.

Daniel P. Moynihan

**Attachments** - xerox article from Detroit Free Press "Few Win Spots on Nixon's First Team"(Thurs, 5 Feb 70)

xerox cy Hugh Sidey's article in Life, 13 Feb 70

DPM/crm