May 7, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN
THROUGH: CLARK MacGREGOR
FROM: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS

It has been suggested that this office encourage
Congressional loyalists to generate a joint-signed
letter to the President supporting J. Edgar Hoover.

Several checks with the "good guys" (Devine, Ford, etc)
reveal the most signatures we could expect is in the
neighborhood of 50 or 60. This would be represented
by the press as a failure and lack of support for the
FBI Director. Therefore, we have asked our friends
to stimulate more individual letters to the President
as an alternative.

However, if you feel 50 or so names on a joint letter
would be helpful, please let me know.