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33	9	10/14/1968	Memo	To: Bob Haldeman. From: Bryce Harlow. Re: 3-way and 2-way debates.
33	9	10/14/1968	Other Document	Draft Telegram to Hubert H. Humphrey from Richard Nixon. Re: Declining a 3-way Debate.
33	9	10/13/1968	Letter	Telegram to Richard Nixon from Hubery Humphrey. Re: 3-way Television Debate on October 20th. Duplicate not copied.
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33	9	10/09/1968	Letter	To: Richard Nixon. Re: Suspension of the Equal Time Requirement of Section 315.
33	9	10/07/1968	Letter	To: Richard Nixon. From Hubert Humphrey. Re: House of Representatives Suspension of the Equal Time Requirement. 2 pages
33	9	11/01/1968	Memo	To: Dick Kleindienst. CC: Bob Haldeman. From: Murray Chotiner. Re: File a Complaint with the Fair Campaign Practices Committee. 3 pages.
33	9	10/04/1968	Memo	To: Kleindienst, Kimball, & Berliner. From: Murray Chotiner. Re: Truth Squad Speakers on Humphrey.
33	9	10/05/1968	Memo	To: Herb Klein, From: Murray Chotiner. Re: Counteract charge by HHH that Nixon attacked Kennedy. 2 pages.

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33	9	n.d.	Memo	To: Larry Higby. Re: Request for Summary Remarks on Ball's Resignation.
33	9	09/2/1968	Memo	To: Bob Haldeman. From: Murray Chotiner. Re: Vic Lasky's column.
33	9	n.d.	Newspaper	Say It Straight: A Frightened Humphrey Hits Below the Belt. By Victor Lasky for the North American Newspaper Alliance. Not scanned.
33	9	09/22/1968	Letter	To: Victor Lasky. From: Murray Chotiner. Re: Thanks for article.
33	9	09/22/1968	Memo	To: Herb Klein. From: Murray Chotiner. Re: Re: Questions to be asked Humphrey at his next Press Conference.
33	9	09/22/1968	Memo	To: Herb Klein. From: Murray Chotiner. Re: Draft of letter to police chiefs and sheriffs from Nixon.
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33	9	10/04/1968	Memo	From: Murray Chotiner. Re: Nixon's opinion on General Lemay and Vietnam. 2 pages.
33	9	09/16/1968	Memo	To: Hugh Scott. From: Murray Chotiner. Re: Humphrey's remarks concerning Strom Thurmond

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33	9	n.d.	Other Document	Countering the Threat of the Wallace Candidacy. 9 pages.

H. R. Haldeman

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Chief of Staff
for **Richard M. Nixon**

Memo:

202-363-7491

Rusk told J - see Nat 9 -
J said he'd like to see

Be sure Pres knows
seeing DOE

File

M - Rogers - strongly recs RV
Call MC - on basis
Sat won't work -
hope to meet SAP after
election

Norman Casanis mtg H over
weekend - urge him to
come w/ 3 add'l points

M will see Dreyfus

F - Batchelder polks
to M et al

fit

BOB HALDEMAN

F/RN

October 14, 1968

MEMORANDUM

File
debates

TO: Bob Haldeman

FROM: Bryce Harlow

If RN's political Sanhedrin concludes that HHH's attached plea needs a reply that will dispose finally of both three-way and two-way debates, old Harlow herewith submits a suggestion which, I fondly believe, will softly caroom the whole bit in the side pocket.

DRAFT -- 10/14/68
Harlow

TELEGRAM TO HHH

Your offer not only to debate on October 20 with me and Mr. Wallace but also to pay its cost is most considerate. It is distressing to have to decline.

I have frequently voiced objections to three-way debates together with my hope that you would take the same position in the interest of our two-party system in America, and that remains my view. Two-way debates between Presidential candidates, I have consistently favored in the past. However, I have since had occasion carefully to measure my long-time willingness to engage in such debates as against your considered vote not to have such debates four years ago. It now seems to me that your 1964 vote was the wiser one for responsible campaigning for the nation's highest office, and I commend you for it. Let us therefore follow your example, and let each of us carry forward his individual campaign, each presenting his own views in his own way about America's critical need for decisive new leadership that can reunite our country and restore peace at home and in the world.

Richard M. Nixon

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RICHARD M NIXON

1968 OCT 13 PM 7 28

Debate file

KEY BISCAYNE FLO

AS YOU KNOW, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS APPROVED LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE TV NETWORKS TO GRANT FREE TIME FOR A THREE-WAY DEBATE BUT A PARLIAMENTARY MANEUVER IN THE SENATE HAS BLOCKED FINAL ACTION ON THIS TO DATE. I HOPE THE SENATE WILL CONTINUE TO CONSIDER FAVORABLE ACTION ON THIS MATTER.

HOWEVER, TO INSURE THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MAY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR AND SEE EACH OF US DEBATE THE ISSUES IN THIS CAMPAIGN AND INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT WHAT WE WOULD DO AS PRESIDENT, I HAVE RESERVED AN HOUR OF TELEVISION TIME ON CBS SUNDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 20, FROM 10:00 TO 11:00 P.M., EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME FOR THE FIRST THREE-WAY DEBATE AS PRESCRIBED

SF1201(R2-65)

BY THE LEGISLATION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND PENDING IN THE SENATE.

THE COST OF PRESENTING THIS DEBATE SHOULD BE SHARED AMONG US BUT IF YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO SHARE THE COST, I WILL SECURE FUNDS TO PAY FOR THE TIME MYSELF PROVIDING THAT YOU AND MR. WALLACE BOTH ACCEPT MY INVITATION.

BECAUSE WE MUST MAKE FINAL DECISION ON PROGRAMMING, I ASK FOR AN EARLY DECISION SO MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR REPLY NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 SO APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE

HUBERT H HUMPHREY.

BF1201(R2-65)

TO: HRH
FROM: PETER FLANIGAN

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IN CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE STATEMENTS RE AN HHH OFFER OF TV TIME FOR A TWO-MAN DEBATE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

QUOTE:

IT IS CLEAR THAT IN THE MIDDLE OF A THREE-MAN RACE THERE CAN BE NO SUCH THING AS A TWO-MAN DEBATE. WHATEVER HUBERT HUMPHREY AND I MIGHT AGREE TO DO, THE THIRD PARTY CANDIDATE IS LEGALLY ENTITLED TO EQUAL OR EQUIVALENT TIME. THE RESULT WOULD BE NOT A THREE-WAY DEBATE BUT A THREE-RING CIRCUS WITH THOSE WHO HAVE THE MOST TO GAIN BY CONFUSION LEAST RESTRAINED BY THE RULES OF ORDERLY DISCUSSION.

THE PURPOSE OF A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN IS TO LET THE PEOPLE KNOW WHERE THE CANDIDATES STAND, NOT TO SATISFY THE DEMANDS FOR SPECTACULAR PROGRAMS. I HAVE SPOKEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO SPEAK ON EVERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. I HAVE APPEARED IN LIVE CONFRONTATIONS WITH CITIZENS IN VARIOUS STATES, NEWS MEDIA (PRESS CONFERENCES) TV SHOWS ETC, AND ANSWERED THEIR QUESTIONS. I WILL CONTINUE TO PRESENT MY CASE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THE OTHER CANDIDATES ARE FREE TO DO THE SAME.

AS I HAVE PREVIOUSLY STATED, THIS IS A TWO PARTY SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT AND I SEE NO REASON FOR HELPING TO BUILD THE PROSPECTS OF A THIRD PARTY, WHICH COULD RESULT IN GOVERNMENT BY A MINORITY VOICE. UNQUOTE

(THE BASIC IDEA, HOWEVER IT IS PUT, IS THAT WALLACE, PROGRAMMED RIGHT AFTER A NIXON-HUMPHREY DEBATE WOULD BE IN FACT, DEBATING (RAPPING) THEM, GETTING EXTRA MILEAGE OUT OF BEING EXCLUDED AND OTHERWISE CREATING A THREE-WAY "DEBATE" SITUATION).

END

~~ATTENTION: ROSE~~
SENT BY ANNE DUGGAN 10/7

debate file

THE HONORABLE RICHARD M. NIXON
NIXON AGNEW HEADQUARTERS
NEW YORK CITY NEW YORK

ELEVEN DAYS HAVE GONE BY SINCE VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY NAMED ME AS HIS REPRESENTATIVE IN NEGOTIATING ARRANGEMENTS FOR TELEVISED DEBATES BETWEEN HIM AND YOU. WE STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED A REPLY FROM YOU, DESIGNATING YOUR OWN REPRESENTATIVE IN THIS REGARD.

IN VIEW OF THE SCHEDULED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ACTION TUESDAY ON LEGISLATION TO SUSPEND THE EQUAL TIME REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT AND THUS TO ENABLE THE MAJOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES TO DEBATE ON TELEVISION, I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE IMMEDIATELY SO THAT WE CAN MEET AS SOON AS THE HOUSE COMPLETES ITS ACTION.

YOU HAVE SAID REPEATEDLY THAT YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO DEBATE THE VICE PRESIDENT IF AND WHEN CONGRESS SUSPENDS THE EQUAL TIME PROVISION. MR. HUMPHREY HAS CHALLENGED YOU REPEATEDLY TO A DEBATE--, WITH OR WITHOUT WALLACE PARTICIPATION.

I CANNOT STRESS TOO STRONGLY THE URGENCY OF PROMPT ACTION IF WE ARE TO GET NETWORK DEBATES UNDER WAY -- DEBATES WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, ARE VITAL IF THE PUBLIC IS TO HAVE A FULL OPPORTUNITY TO COMPARE THE CANDIDATES AND TO JUDGE THEIR STANDS ON THE ISSUES.

MAY I ALSO EXPRESS HOPE THAT YOU WILL ACCEPT THE VICE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST TO JOIN HIM IN URGING HOUSE APPROVAL OF THE REQUIRED LEGISLATION. SHOULD THIS FAIL, I REMIND YOU OF OUR SUGGESTION OF SEPTEMBER 27 THAT WE PURCHASE TIME FROM THE NETWORKS, HOPEFULLY AT REDUCED RATES, AND SHARE THE COST OF TELEVISION DEBATES. I STILL HAVE RECEIVED NO REPLY FROM YOU ON THIS SUGGESTION, EITHER.

LAWRENCE F. O'BRIEN

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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R. W. McFALL

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WILLIAMSBURG INN WILLIAMSBURG VIR=

I HAVE NOTED YOUR CALL FOR VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY
TO CLARIFY HIS POSITION ON VIETNAM.

¶ VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY ALREADY HAS DEVOTED A
HALF HOUR OF PAID TELEVISION TIME TO A DETAILED
DISCUSSION OF HIS POLICY ON THIS CRUCIAL ISSUE.

¶ YOU HAVE NOT GIVEN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE A
POSITION OF YOUR OWN ON THIS ISSUE, ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

CLAIMED YOU HAVE A PLAN.

¶ IF THERE IS REAL DOUBT IN YOUR MIND CONCERNING
VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY'S POSITION, I URGE YOU TO
ACCEPT OUR REPEATED INVITATIONS TO YOU TO DEBATE WITH
THE VICE PRESIDENT AT ANY TIME, ANY PLACE, ON
TELEVISION OR ELSEWHERE.

¶ THERE IS NO BETTER WAY FOR YOU TO CLEAR UP
ANY DOUBTS IN YOUR MIND THAN TO POSE QUESTIONS TO THE
VICE PRESIDENT, FACE TO FACE, IN THE FREE GIVE AND
TAKE OF DEBATE. OF COURSE, YOU WOULD BE SUBJECT TO
QUESTIONING ABOUT YOUR OWN STAND AS WELL. AS I STATED

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PREVIOUSLY, THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL DEBATE YOU SEPARATELY IF YOU ARE UNWILLING TO ALSO CONFRONT GEORGE WALLACE.

9 IT HAS BECOME EVEN MORE IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO ACCEPT THIS INVITATION BECAUSE GOVERNOR AGNEW HAS STATED THAT HE WILL DEBATE SENATOR MUSKIE ONLY AFTER YOU AND THE VICE PRESIDENT HAVE DONE SO. A MUSKIE-AGNEW DEBATE WOULD BE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO THE VOTERS AND THIS IS BEING PREVENTED BY YOUR FAILURE TO ACCEPT.

9 VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY HAS RECEIVED NO REPLY

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TO HIS TELEGRAM OF SEPTEMBER 25 TO YOU, ASKING YOU TO NAME A NEGOTIATOR TO MEET WITH ME TO ARRANGE DETAILS FOR A DEBATE. NOR HAVE I RECEIVED A REPLY TO MY WIRE OF SEPTEMBER 26 SUGGESTING THAT IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT SECTION 315 THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES SHOULD SHARE COSTS FOR A HUMPHREY-NIXON DEBATE. THE VICE PRESIDENT STANDS READY TO DEBATE WITH YOU AND WITH MR. WALCE OR WITH YOU SEPARATELY. =

LAWRENCE F O'BRIEN CHAIRMAN DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE=

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RICHARD M NIXON

HOLIDAY INN MOLINE ILL

TODAY'S ACTION BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAKES IT LIKELY THAT SOME FORM OF SUSPENSION OF THE EQUAL TIME REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 315 OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE WITHIN

THE NEXT FEW DAYS. SINCE THE ELCTION IS JUST FOUR WEEKS AWAY

NBC WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS NOW WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH OF

THE THREE CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT AS DEFINED IN THE HOUSE BILL.

THE COMMITTEE REPORT SUGGESTED THAT "WHATEVER IS DONE, SHOULD BE DONE

AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSION, NEGOTIATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE

CANDIADTES AND THE BROADCASTERS." WE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH YOUR

REPRESENTATIVES IN THAT SPIRIT TO DETERMINE WHETHER A FORMAT FOR JOINT

APPEARANCES CAN BE DEVELOPED THAT WILL BE AGREEABLE TO ALL.

WE ARE

CONFIDENT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL BE WELL SERVED BY SUCH PRESENTATIONS OF THE CANDIDATES AND THAT FULL ADVANTAGE

CAN BE TAKEN OF THE

RELAXATION OF THE LAW. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH

DISCUSSIONS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PROMPT RESPONSE SO WE CAN BEGIN

IMMEDIATELY TO WORK OUT A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE PLAN AND SCHEDULE
JULIAN GOODMAN PRESIDENT NATIONAL BROADCASTING CO

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TELEGRAM SENT TO WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS

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9/7/68

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon

As you know, the House of Representatives is scheduled to act Tuesday on suspension of equal time provision of the Communications Act so that the television networks can provide opportunities for us to appear in televised debates. You know of my strong desire for us to go before the American people together -- and/or with Mr. Wallace -- to present our views on the issues and permit the voters to decide on the basis of this comparison which candidate they will choose. I have made it clear that if Congress does not act to approve the legislation I would be willing to debate with you under whatever circumstances and financing could be arranged.

I ask you to join with me in urging the members of the House of Representatives to approve appropriate legislation. It is urgent that such action be taken if the voters are to be given a full understanding of the issues and the candidates before they go to the polls one month from now.

I stand ready to move immediately towards the first of what I hope will be a series of debates, the moment Congress acts. As I wired you on September 26, I have designated Lawrence S. O'Brien to act as my representative in negotiating arrangements for a series of televised debates. I hope that you will designate representative immediately, as well, so that they can begin their discussions as soon as the suspension of 315 of the Communications Act is enacted.

Will you join me in a strong appeal Monday for the House of Representatives to approve equal time suspension legislation? Or,

if you prefer, will you issue an independent appeal for the Congress to act? Both of us, as candidates for our nation's highest office, owe it to the American people to give our voices to support of this vital action.

Hubert H. Humphrey

MEMORANDUM

TO: DICK KLEINDIENST (RNC) CC: BOB HALDEMAN
FROM: MURRAY CHOTINER
DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 1968

CONFIRMING OUR PHONE CONVERSATION, PLEASE FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES COMMITTEE ON THE BASIS THAT:

HUMPHREY STATES THAT RN OPPOSES SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE. THE TRUTH IS, THAT NIXON SUPPORTS BOTH PROGRAMS.

EVIDENCE IS, HUMPHREY SAID ON OCTOBER 28, 1968, AS REPORTED IN THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, "NIXON SAYS HE SUPPORTS THESE PROGRAMS (INCLUDING MEDICARE) BUT DON'T YOU BELIEVE HIM. HE WOULD OPPOSE THEM IF HE WAS IN THE WHITE HOUSE."

THE WASHINGTON POST ON OCTOBER 29, 1968, REPORTED THAT HHH SAID, "THE REPUBLICANS USED TO BE AGAINST SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE, UNTIL JUST BEFORE THE ELECTION WHEN NIXON DISCOVERED THEY ARE POPULAR, SO HE SLIPS AROUND THE BACK DOOR AND WHISPERS THAT HE IS FOR THEM NOW."

THE LOS ANGELES TIMES ON SEPTEMBER 25, 1968, REPORTED HHH AS SAYING, "THE NIXON REPUBLICANS FOUGHT MEDICARE FOR 16 YEARS AND DENIED THESE BENEFITS TO MILLIONS OF OUR OLDER CITIZENS."

THE TV SPOT ANNOUNCEMENTS OF HHH TATES, "MR. NIXON WANTS TO OFFER SECURITY TO OLDER CITIZENS, BUT MR. NIXON OPPOSES MEDICARE."

THIS SPOT ANNOUNCEMENT WAS RUN ON OCTOBER 6, 1968, CHANNEL 4, NBC AT 4:26 P.M. IT HAS BEEN RUNNING NATIONWIDE.

THE HHH TV AND RADIO SPOT ANNOUNCEMENT PROGRAM IS FLOODING THE NATION WITH THE FALSE CHARGE THAT NIXON IS OPPOSED TO SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE. THE TRUTH IS, AS STATED BY RN:

"AMERICANS OVER 65 GET LESS ADEQUATE MEDICAL CARE THAN YOUNGER AMERICANS EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE SICK MORE OFTEN AND ILLNESS IS STILL A MAJOR ECONOMIC BURDEN FOR OLDER PEOPLE AS MANY OF YOU KNOW ONLY TOO WELL, AND THE ANSWER IS THAT MEDICARE SIMPLY HAS NOT WORKED AS EFFECTIVELY AS IT OUGHT TO BE WORKING. OFTEN IT DOES NOT GET TO THE PEOPLE WHO NEED IT MOST. DELAYS IN PAYMENT OFTEN SEEM ENDLESS. THE PROGRAM IS HOPELESSLY TANGLED IN RED TAPE. THAT IS WHY I PROMISE TO MAKE MEDICARE WORK BETTER BY SIMPLIFYING THE PROGRAM AND BY IMPROVING ITS EFFICIENCY. IN ADDITION, I HAVE PROPOSED A 100% INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR DRUG AND MEDICAL EXPENSES WHICH OLDER PEOPLE STILL HAVE TO PAY FOR OUT OF THEIR OWN POCKETS."

"I AM NOT ONLY FOR THE BENEFITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY, I WANT TO IMPROVE AND EXTEND THEM AND I HAVE PROPOSED AN AUTOMATIC COST OF LIVING INCREASE IN SOCIAL SECURITY AND RAILROAD RETIREMENT BENEFITS SO THAT WHEN PRICES DO GO UP, BENEFITS GO UP AUTOMATICALLY. BUT THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION ACTUALLY OPPOSED IT AND KEPT IT FROM BECOMING LAW. I HAVE URGED AN INCREASE IN WIDOW'S BENEFITS, NEW PERMISSION FOR THOSE WHO WORKED PAST THE AGE OF 65 TO BUILD THEIR BENEFITS TO HIGHER LEVELS. EXTENSION OF SOCIAL SECURITY TO COVER ALL OLDER CITIZENS AND A RELAXATION OF THE EXISTING LIMITS ON HOW MUCH SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENTS CAN EARN."

"I APPRECIATE YOUR GIVING ME THIS MOMENT OF YOUR TELEVISION TIME SO THAT I CAN SEND THIS MESSAGE TO A GROUP IN OUR SOCIETY THAT ARE TRULY ~~MEANS~~ ~~FOR~~ ~~THE~~ ~~AMERICAN~~ ~~CANK~~ REFER TO THE 20 MILLION ~~A~~ OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE AND WHO ARE TRYING TO EKE OUT A LIVING ON A LITTLE PENSION, LIFE INSURANCE OR SOCIAL SECURITY ~~OVER~~ OVER THE PAST EIGHT YEARS THEY ~~HAVE~~ SEEN 20 ~~PERCENT~~ OF ~~THEIR~~ LIFE SAVINGS DESTROYED ~~BECAUSE~~ OF RISES ~~IN~~ THE COST OF LIVING. ~~THAT~~ IS ~~WHY~~ AS ONE WHO HAS ALWAYS ~~SUPPORTED~~ SOCIAL SECURITY, I ~~SAY~~ WE NEED A ~~NEW~~ PROVISION WHEREBY THOSE ON SOCIAL ~~SECURITY~~ WILL HAVE AN ~~AUTOMATIC~~ ~~INCREASE~~ IN THEIR PAYMENTS ~~WHENEVER~~ PRICES GO UP. THAT IS WHY I SAY IN ~~OUR~~ ADMINISTRATION, WE WILL STOP THE RISE IN ~~PRICES~~, STOP THE RISE IN TAXES, AND HAVE ~~PROSPERITY~~ ~~WITHOUT~~ ~~INFLATION~~ NB

*****J*****J*****JJ*J:

IT ~~IS~~ ~~MY~~ ~~UNDERSTANDING~~ YOU WILL ~~TAKE~~ ~~CARE~~ ~~OF~~ ~~ISSUING~~ ~~THE~~ ~~PRESS~~ ~~RELEASE~~ FROM WASHINGTON.

REGARDS AND ~~THANKS~~.

NIXON AGNEW

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Murray Chotiner
Special Assistant to Campaign Manager

October 4, 1968

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dick Kleindienst
Jeff Kimball
Hank Berliner

FROM: Murray Chotiner

Please have the Truth Squad and various speakers continue to point out the following:

1. The credibility gap of Humphrey.
2. Full story of HHH speaking on all sides of Vietnam issue.
3. LBJ should be needled on the fact that HHH is making a "Lame Duck" President out of him.

MMC:bh

cc: Bob Haldeman
John Mitchell
Pete Flanigan

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Murray Chotiner
Special Assistant to Campaign Manager

October 5, 1968

MEMORANDUM

TO: Herb Klein
FROM: Murray Chotiner

I suggest that a story go out, as soon as possible, to counteract the charge by HHH that Dick Nixon attacked John Kennedy. It is based on the endorsement by Cardinal Cushing of Dick as "Good Will Man Of The Year."

Attached is suggested story prepared by Murray Snyder. I have taken the liberty of making a few changes.

MMC: bh
Enclosure

cc: John Mitchell
Pete Flanigan
Bob Haldeman

It is interesting to note, that a week before the inauguration of President Kennedy, on January 13, 1961, Cardinal Cushing, in Baltimore, nominated Richard Nixon for "Good-Will Man of The Year."

Cardinal Cushing said:

"During the recent campaign, which tested and taxed all his powers, physical and mental, he never exploited the religious or any other issue that would tend to divide the American people."

This assessment of Mr. Nixon reflects the principle, the adherence to truth and patriotism that characterize the man. This is the answer to the charge by Mr. Humphrey that Dick Nixon attacked Jack Kennedy.

Significant in the Presidential campaign has been the repeated criticism by Richard Nixon, in his speeches, of organized hecklers who have harrassed his opponent, Hubert Humphrey, from coast to coast.

Richard Nixon and Republican political leaders do not subscribe to the tactics of hate and disruption for two reasons: First, Mr. Nixon believes the occupants of the offices of President and Vice President are entitled to respect wherever they go, whoever they may be. Second, Mr. Nixon wants to lead a united country, one in which dissenters have been promised a respected hearing, and he believes that intemperate oratory, name-calling and the related tactics of thoughtless men undermine the prospect for post-election unity and cooperation.

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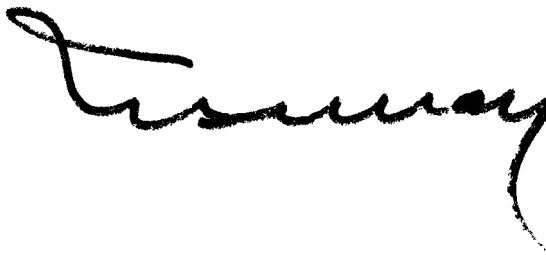
Murray Chotiner
Special Assistant to Campaign Manager

September 22, 1968

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bob Haldeman
FROM: Murray Chotiner

The attached went out as Vic Lasky's column.
He came over and discussed the contents and
material before writing it.



MMC:bh

cc: John Mitchell
Herb Klein

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September 22, 1968

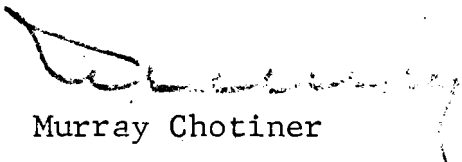
Mr. Victor Lasky
116 Central Park South
New York, New York

Dear Vic:

Thanks for the column "Frightened Humphrey Hits
Below The Belt."

I took the liberty of sending a copy to Dick.

Sincerely,



Murray Chotiner

MMC:bh

bcc: Bob Haldeman

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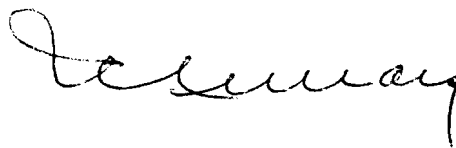
MEMORANDUM

TO: Herb Klein
FROM: Murray Chotiner

I have arranged for the following questions to be asked HHH at his next press conference, which is slated soon; if not held, the questions will be submitted in writing.

Think it advisable that you have someone ask similar questions to be sure the points are covered.

1. On what issues do you differ from LBJ?
2. What present cabinet officers will you retain, if elected?
3. How do you justify lauding Governor Maddox on September 14, 1967?
4. How do you justify downgrading southern voters when you accepted support from the South to insure your nomination?
5. Do you approve of the personal attacks by Mr. O'Brien on Mr. Nixon?



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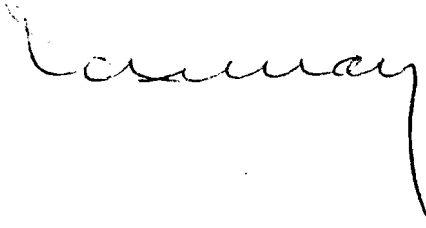
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I need right away a draft of a letter that could come from Dick to all police chiefs and sheriffs in the U.S. pointing out:

1. That the peace forces must be strengthened against the criminal forces.
2. He will back strong law enforcement.
3. Any other material on the subject. (See Source Book, pages 482, 482-1, 482-2, 482-3, 482-5, 482-5a, 482-6)
4. Either Dick or HHH will be elected; and real and constructive action will come from Dick. Please assign someone to do this and have the party give me the draft within the next 2 days as it takes time to produce and mail the letter.

Thank you.



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It will be appreciated if you will personally handle this or see to it that it is done. Please don't let someone second-guess or mastermind it out the window.

It is extremely important that we keep these items alive.

1. HHH embraced Governor Lester Maddox of Georgia on September 14, 1967, saying "the Governor of Georgia is a good Democrat. I am happy to be in the presence of a good Democrat."
2. HHH tries to downgrade southern support, but HHH had no hesitancy in accepting support from the south to get the nomination. Without it he would have failed. 620 of his 1720 1/4 votes came from 11 southern states and 5 border states. Only 130 votes in those 16 states went against him including 12 abstentions.

Without those 620 votes, he would have flopped.

3. HHH should name the issues on which he disagrees with LBJ.
4. HHH should tell what present cabinet officials he would retain, if elected.
5. Does HHH ratify or condemn the unwarranted personal attacks by O'Brien?
6. The colossal nerve of HHH trying to hoodwink the people by saying Dick's position is like a bowl of jello when HHH is all over the lot on most issues.

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Please have a composite piece issued to all press, covering these points. Hang it on John Mitchell or anyone at the top of our campaign so it will be used.

In particular, to inspire Sunday pieces, please send copies to:

Bob Donovan - for the L.A. Times - Washington Post Service;
Don Irwin - L.A. Times;
R. W. Apple - N. Y. Times;
Meg Greenfield - Washington Post.

Please let me have a copy as soon as it is ready.

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