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FROM: Bob Haldeman
RE: New York Trip - Names

I'm not sure how many of the following names Don may have already given you or which might have been covered on lists which have come in directly from the cities concerned but I'll cover them here just in case:

1) Kevin Cox
   Republican Party County Headquarters
   Ellicott Square Building, Buffalo, New York

   He is Executive Secretary of the County Committee and handled all the details on the over-all arrangements for Buffalo, including the preparing of the list of names which is supposed to be coming directly to you. I assume the name list will include Senator Cooke who is the County Chairman and was in over-all charge.

2) Edward P. Mattar
   P. O. Box 155, Niagara Square Station
   Buffalo, 2, New York

   He should be thanked for his part in organizing the College group from the University of Buffalo who came out to greet the Vice President at the Airport. The letter should say that the Vice President was sorry his schedule did not permit him to visit the campus while he was there which Mattar had requested that he do.

3) Richard Sullivan
   101 Plymouth Drive,
   Syracuse, New York

   He should be thanked for organizing the group at Syracuse University who came out to greet the Vice President at the Airport.

4) William Petty, Mgr.
   Auburn Inn,
   Auburn, New York

   He should be thanked for the courtesy of the use of his Hotel facilities. I assume the name Everett Dugan will be on Bob White's list of names which he is sending you as well as White's name too in connection with the Taber Dinner.
I assume that Hughes gave you the name of Alexander Jones who was the one who put together the breakfast in Syracuse. The host at the breakfast was Stephen Rogers who is the publisher of the Syracuse Herald-Journal.

The manager of the Statler Hotel in Buffalo is Mr. Thurston and the manager of the Hotel Syracuse is Mr. Wilder, in case you don't already have those names.

The letter for the A.M.E. Zion thing should go to Bishop Walls. I have no address on him nor no file on him, but I think that Hughes does, if you don't already have it.

Several of Pete Flanigan's Nixon Volunteer guys worked on getting groups out to the Airport. I think it would probably be a good idea to send letters to them. As a matter of fact, Ray Blair at Syracuse was included in the list that the Party people are sending you. The fellow in Buffalo is Dick Michaels and he actually is in over-all charge of both Syracuse and Buffalo for this Volunteer operation and Blair worked under him in Syracuse.

Dick Michaels' address is 266 Pearl Street, Buffalo, New York. His full name is Richard W. Michaels.
May 11, 1960

TO: Robert G. McCune

FROM: H. R. Haldeman

Will you please send out immediately by Airmail, Special Delivery, a 24" x 36" black and white photograph of the Vice President to be used at the Taber Testimonial Dinner in Auburn, New York.

This should be sent to: Mr. Robert White
Taber & White
Auburn, New York

Also, will you have sent to Mr. White, a glossy reproduction of the Vice President's seal that they can use as artwork for the dinner program. If we don't have a print of this, we should get one, from Don Hughes, I guess.

These should go out as quickly as possible, since the dinner is only a little over a week away. They want a black and white picture of RN in the 24" x 36" size to match a picture of Taber which they are using for the dinner.
May 2, 1960

TO: Don Hughes
    Bob Finch

FROM: H. R. Haldeman

RE: Buffalo-Auburn-Syracuse trip

May I point out a few things in regard to this trip:

The actual event takes place in two weeks.

None of the stops - Buffalo, Auburn or Syracuse have been advanced.

There has been considerable discussion with Buffalo people about various events and they have not been told that there has been a curtailment in the time to be spent or activity in Buffalo.

In each of the areas, I am afraid the local people are going ahead with planning that does not coincide with what we want them to do.

Unless I can advance all 3 areas this week...which means having decisions by Tuesday on the various stops...there is not going to be enough time to properly organize so the crowds, etc., are at least satisfactory. The biggest problem in all of these trips this year has been that the local people have felt very much hampered because of the lack of time they have for local planning after the decisions are made as to what the schedule will be in their area.

In my opinion, at least, New York is too important and too sensitive to allow this situation to develop. This is especially true in the areas where we are going this time which are of course, strongholds. I feel it would be very unwise to make any further contact or do any advancing in these areas until we do have a clear decision on what we will and won't do. The area of confusion is already great enough.

I hope, therefore, that you will be able to work out an approval or revision of the current schedule with the Boss not later than mid-day Tuesday so that we can get this underway.
NEW YORK - MAY 17, 19

Preliminary Schedule for RN Approval

Tuesday, May 17

3:00 P.M.   Lv. D.C. via United Charter for Syracuse
5:30       Arr. Syracuse Airport
            No activity or greeting committee
            Lv. by motorcade for Auburn (30 miles)
6:30       Arr. Auburn - to Hotel
7:00       Lv. Suite for ballroom
            DINNER - JOHN TABER TESTIMONIAL
9:30       Lv. by motorcade for Syracuse
10:30      Arr. Syracuse Airport
            Take off for Buffalo
11:15      Arr. Buffalo Airport
            GREETINGS BY LOCAL COMMITTEE
11:30      Lv. Airport by motorcade for Hotel
12:00      Arr. Statler Hotel - direct to Suite
            OVERNIGHT AT STATLER, BUFFALO

Alternate Plan - Overnight in Syracuse for early AM arrival in Buffalo

Wednesday, May 18

9:00 A.M.   Lv. suite for press room in hotel
            PRESS MEETING - TV Coverage - 30 MIN.
9:30       Lv. Hotel by motorcade for parochial school
9:45       Arr. Parochial school
            GREETINGS - BRIEF REMARKS BY RN
10:00      Lv. School by motorcade for TV Station
10:15      Arr. TV Station
            TAPE - PANEL SHOW
11:00  Lw. TV Station by motorcade for Hotel
11:15  Arr. Hotel - to suite
      MEETING - LABOR LEADERS - 45 MIN.
         On the record
12:15 P.M.  Lw. Suite for private dining room in hotel
      LUNCHEON - BUSINESS & CIVIC LEADERS
         Off the record - Private
2:00  Return to suite
      MEETING - NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS - 45 Min.
         Private
2:45  End meeting
      45 MIN. RESERVED
3:00  Lw. Suite for ballroom in Hotel
      RECEPTION - PARTY LEADERS, WORKERS & GENERAL PUBLIC - 2 Hrs.
         Receiving line - handshake
5:00  Return to suite
      2 HOURS RESERVED FOR STAFF WORK
7:00  Lw. suite for ballroom
      NATIONAL SALES EXECUTIVES' DINNER
10:00  Lw. by motorcade for airport
10:30  Arr. Airport - take off for DC
1:00 A.M.  Arr. D.C.
NEW YORK, May 17 - 18

Preliminary Schedule Summary for
AN Approval

Tuesday, May 17

late afternoon - fly to Syracuse - drive to Auburn (30 miles)
evening - JOHN TABER TESTIMONIAL DINNER
No details on this as yet
late evening - drive to Syracuse - fly to Buffalo

Wednesday, May 18

AM - Press meeting in hotel - 30 min.
   - Stop-by parochial elementary school - 15 minutes
     Strongly urged by Mahoney. Feels this much better than college appearance. Buffalo is 63% Catholic -
     Erie County 58%.
   - Tape TV Panel Show - 45 min.
     Panel Q & A - half-hour program for later release
   - Meeting - Labor leaders - 45 min.
     Approx. 50-60 Presidents and officers of locals.
     Could be increased to 100 if McDonald gives Steel-workers the word. Group will be friendly to GOP
     and RN. Covered by press.

NOON - Luncheon - business and civic leaders
   Approx. 50 key leaders and contributors. Off the
   record - informal Q & A

P.M. - Meeting - Newspaper publishers - 45 min.
   Publishers and/or editors of News and Courier-Express
   - Reception - Party leaders, workers and general public - 2 hours
     Primary opportunity for display of public and party support
     Alternative - meeting with 150-200 party leaders -
     down to Ward and Town chairmen - all Erie County

Evening - National Sales Executives Dinner

Question - Separate schedule for Pat?

Possible Alternates or Additions

1. Farm stop-by. Large farm community in Erie County and Mahoney
suggests stop-by or farm meeting if this is right timing for same.
Net pushing it - but could set up a good meeting if desired.
2. Stop by 6th Assembly District monthly meeting - after Sales Executives Dinner on way to airport. Would be 1500-200 there if knew RW coming. Biggest Republican district in the area.

3. College appearance - University of Buffalo or Canisius (Catholic). Mahoney does not recommend either one - but can be worked out.
April 22, 1960

TO: Don Hughes
FROM: Bob Haldeman

RE: Buffalo trip

I met this morning in your absence with Mr. Robert Cooper of the National Sales Executives International to discuss the general arrangements for the Vice President's trip. He confirms that the dinner is to be held in the Golden Ball Room of the Statler-Hilton at 7 P.M. The head table is to enter at 7:15. There will be 40 at the head table, divided into two tiers.

He proposes a reception prior to the dinner with about 250 in attendance including the officers and directors, national committee chairman and past presidents of National Sales Executives. This would also include their wives.

I told him that at present, Mrs. Nixon was planning to accompany the Vice President. I told him I would make contact with the Hotel and work out arrangements with them as well as arrangements for Airport arrival and press coverage.
April 19, 1960

TO:  Bob Finoh
     Don Hughes

FROM:  Bob Haldeman

RE:  Buffalo trip - May 18th

I met Saturday, April 16th with Senator Mahoney, Senator Cooke, the County Chairman for Erie County, and two of their associates, Mr. John Sullivan, Administrative Assistant to Mahoney and Mr. Mullen, a former Buffalo newspaper man who is now in the process of moving to Fort Lauderdale.

We discussed a number of possibilities for the Vice President in addition to the primary appearance before the Sales Executives' Club the evening of May 18th. I informed the group that it would not be possible for the Vice President to remain overnight the 18th and therefore any activities planned would have to be on the 18th. I do think that if it's possible to do so, we might want to consider going into Buffalo late the night of the 17th so as to have a full day in the City on the 18th. Otherwise, I assume with about 3 hours' flying time, it would be impossible to schedule anything prior to a noon event.

The other possibilities discussed, and comments on same, were as follows:

1. Press Conference - All agreed that a press conference at the Hotel, as early in the day as possible, was essential.

2. Meeting with Republican leaders - This would be a group of 150 to 200 people and would cover Republican leaders in Erie County only. The group would go down as far as Ward and Town chairman but not any lower and would include all of the top Republican leaders. There is a probability that some of the County chairman and possibly leaders from other counties, might want to come in, but it was felt this should not be set up on an invitation basis outside of Erie County because of the situation with the State committee. The possibilities here would be a luncheon if we don't arrive until just before noon, or if we can arrive the night before, a coffee and donut session about 9 o'clock in the morning -- either of which would be very satisfactory with the group.

3. Meeting with business leaders - This would be a very select group of approximately 50 top business leaders, and incidentally, contributors...possibly Wade Stevenson, a prominent local citizen would
be the host for the luncheon. This session would probably have to
be a luncheon and therefore could not be held unless we came in the
night before so the Republican Leaders' group could have a breakfast
or coffee session in the morning.

4. Meeting with a group of labor leaders - A group of about 50 - 60
Presidents and officers of local labor unions, all of whom would be
friend to the Republicans, could be gathered for a meeting with
the Vice President. A suggestion here would be to have this as an
informal meeting in the late afternoon for a drink in the suite or
a room set up for this purpose. If McDonald gave the word, this
group would be increased to approximately 100 by the addition of
the Steel Workers.

An alternate to this meeting would be a stop by the Bethlehem Steel
Plant which they feel would be a very good thing to do if McDonald
will set it up in advance with Joe Moloney, the local Steel Workers
man. (I do not feel this is feasible and if any labor thing is to be
done, it should be the leaders' group in the Hotel).

5. Presentation of flag to parochial grade school - All of this
group felt that it would be better from a Catholic angle for the
Vice President to present a Capital flag to a parochial grade school
rather than have him attempt a Catholic college appearance. The
Catholic population is of course, very important in this area. The
City of Buffalo is 63% Catholic and Erie County is 58% Catholic.
They have two very large grade schools with student bodies of approxi-
matly 1500 each. One of these schools could be arranged to invite
the Vice President to present the flag to them in a ceremony setup
which would be attended by students, teachers and parents, conse-
quently developing quite a large group.

6. TV Station appearances - There are 3 television stations in
Buffalo and the group said if he appeared on any of the stations,
he should do all 3 of them. It would be very bad to go on one alone.
They felt that television coverage at the press conference would pro-
vide adequate material for the stations without any direct appearance
on any of them. (I would suggest they consider televising the National
Sales Executives' appearance on a pool basis.)

7. Newspaper visits - There are two papers. The Buffalo Evening News
is a Republican paper and is very friendly to Nixon; the Courier-Express
is at least outwardly neutral. It was suggested that visits be made
to both of these papers. (I think the same good could be accomplished
by meeting with the key people from the papers in the suite at the
Hotel.)

8. College appearances - This group felt that an appearance at
either University of Buffalo or Canisius would not be good. Appar-
ently both schools have been very much overworked by politicians -
both national and local and a session at either of them would not be as productive as time spent other ways. Canisius, however, could be considered as an alternate to the Catholic grade school and if the President would put his backing behind an appearance and issue the invitation it was felt that a good turnout would probably result and this might be satisfactory. However, they were not enthusiastic about it.

Miscellaneous - there is a large farm community in Erie County which has been pretty much ignored politically and it was felt that if this was the time to get into any meeting with farmers, that a very good farm meeting could be set up.

Also, there are 250,000 Polish people in the Buffalo area - all Democrats primarily but this is a strong and cohesive special interest group that might be worth considering.

The Airport arrival could have a fairly good crowd if it were in the morning. There would, of course, not be much of any crowd if it were late in the evening. There is a Westinghouse plant right at the airport and arrangements could probably be made to turn the workers out. There is a Twin Coach plant nearby which also could probably be approached.

My recommendation for a Buffalo schedule would be as follows:

Arrive the night of the 17th and go directly to the Hotel after late arrival, with no appointments or plans for that evening.

9:00 Coffee session with Republican leaders - 150 to 200
10:30 Press Conference
11:30 Meeting with newspaper representatives
12:30 Luncheon with business leaders
2:30 Meeting with other newspaper group
5:00 Meeting with labor leaders
6:30 National Sales Executives' Dinner - televised

If we can't get there til noon, I would suggest a luncheon with Republican leaders at noon; preceded, if possible, by a press conference; then the school appearance at 2:30; meeting with labor leaders at 5:00; Sales Executives Dinner at 6:30. This would omit the meetings with newspaper people and the luncheon with the business leaders.
May 3, 1960

TO: Don Hughes
FROM: H. R. Haldeman

RE: New York Schedule

The attached preliminary schedule revision #2 incorporates our latest discussions.

There are several points which should be noted:

1) I have discussed the Syracuse Press Club breakfast with Casey Jones and Herb Klein and both agree it would work out and be a good thing. It would be set up with a guest list to include business, labor and civic leaders in addition to the members of the Press Club. They would expect a Q & A by the members of the Press Club from the floor after breakfast was served.

2) You will note there is an hour reserved for staff work from 10:00 to 11:00. This is to delay any departure from Syracuse so the arrival time in Buffalo will coincide with a lunch hour when we can expect a maximum crowd at the airport. This time, therefore, is available for use in Syracuse if desired.

3) The 12:15 Buffalo arrival time will have to be checked. It may be we should get in a little earlier or a little later than that. I will confirm this when I advance this later this week.

4) The time from 1:00 to 2:15 at the Hotel in Buffalo, which is now reserved for staff work, could be used for the taping of a panel TV show if this is felt desirable or for a meeting with the newspaper publishers. Herb Klein has recommended both of these activities. The local Buffalo group have recommended a meeting with the publishers and would be agreeable to the TV thing but have not pushed it.

5) The Party workers reception would be set for a group of about 250 Party leaders in the Erie County area and would be scheduled for a room of that size. We would, of course, work on including people from other areas too, so as to make a major demonstration of Party backing. I think the time allowed for this reception is ample but since there are 2-1/2 hours reserved for staff work afterwards, it would work out all right if it did run over.
6) The W.S.E. reception arrival time is set for 6:30 because there will be about 250 people at this reception. The bulk of them will leave for the dinner, presumably at 7:00 when it starts, leaving only the head table group to gather, and they will enter the dinner at 7:15. I think we should allow this much time for the reception but it can, of course, be cut shorter.

7) I have discussed the above rough outline with Walter Mahoney and he is in agreement that the activities in Buffalo can well be held to a Party workers reception and a large airport greeting. He especially agrees that the parochial school stop should be dropped and is not pushing for inclusion of any of the other meetings which he had originally recommended.

8) All of the above times and specifics will have to be confirmed during an advance this week but I think that on a rough basis, they will work out just about right.

P.S. I just talked with Congressman Riehlman and he is in full accord with the plan for the Press Club breakfast and also assures me that they will turn out a good crowd at the airport the afternoon before. He thinks the overall plan sounds fine.