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RN

4-23-62

Bob Haldeman
Law Enforcement Task Force

We have checked with Pete Pitchess regarding his heading up a Law Enforcement Task Force.

He feels that the law enforcement issue should be soft-pedaled in the campaign since it is not an issue upon which the Brown Administration is most vulnerable. Pitchess also feels that it is difficult to attack Brown and Mosk without casting aspersions on the average law enforcement officer - - especially in the way it comes across to the press.

Pitchess recommends that we attack Brown for specific positions which he may have taken which have a law enforcement aspect - - but not relate the attack to a broad sweeping issue of law enforcement in the state of California. Thus, we should attack Brown for refusing to call a session to deal with the narcotics problem in 1960, instead of saying that narcotics is sweeping the state and overrunning the law enforcement people, etc.

Pitchess also feels that it would not be desirable for him to be in the position of clearing your statements on law enforcement. He thinks he can be more effective as a free agent, where he can truthfully say he was not involved in the preparation or clearance of your material.

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Hugh Flourney

4-16-62

Bob Haldeman

RN feels that Pete Pitchess ought to be able now to take over the Law Enforcement Task Force and to set up a meeting with Peace Officers etc. to discuss this problem.

He also feels Pitchess should clear any statements on law enforcement. Apparently there were some things in the San Francisco speech which Pitchess would have ruled out and which would have avoided a few of the problems that arose.

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S & I - Crime
H. Flourney (Research)

S & D - Grime ✓

4-17-67

See Offers -

ltr from M^r Saffrey &
John Holstrom's ltr to him.

— possible help on

Law Enforcement - Crime

Carter Barber

4-3-62

Bob Haldeman

Crime Issue

**cc: Hugh Flournoy
Research Department**

Arthur J. Dolan, Jr., our Finance Chairman for Northern California, called today about several matters, among which was the recent prison break at San Quentin.

Dolan sent us some material which I passed along to the Research Department on the bad prison administration. This included a schedule of riots, killings etc. Dolan feels very strongly this is a very hot potential issue which would have good mass voter appeal. He points out that Senator Reagan was fed up on the whole narcotics business, which is of course closely related to this, and that Reagan started an investigation last fall, but was stopped -- presumably by the Governor's office -- because they realized he would uncover some things they didn't want uncovered. This angle should be worked on.

Will you please be sure we are pulling together everything possible on this and are developing recommendations for the Candidate? Dolan is sending some additional material which I will pass on to you immediately.

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File: to Research

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March 9, 1962

Dear Art:

Many thanks for your letter of March 5th with the attached information provided by your friend from one of the papers. This has been read with interest.

As you know, this is the sort of thing we are glad to have for further run-down and check out for use at the appropriate time. I am sending the data along to our Research Department immediately.

Your suggestions and help are invaluable to us, Art. I really appreciate hearing from you and hope you will pass along anything you think we should have here for follow-up or investigation.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

H. R. Haldeman

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March 5, 1962

Mr. H. Robert Haldeman
Nixon for Governor Headquarters
3908 Wilshire Boulevard
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Dear Bob:

I have noticed repeated stories in our daily papers of the trouble they are having in San Quentin. As one of the issues will be law enforcement in the coming campaign, I thought you might be interested in a sketchy summary of what has happened in the past three years.

A friend of mine at one of our friendly papers gave me the dates in which stories were written about riots or killings within the penitentiary.

Last Friday there was an escape from the Vacaville unit of an incorrigible criminal. This unit is supposed to be for dangerous psychiatric cases. This person is still at large and has threatened to kill all of those responsible for his commitment.

You will also notice at the end of this report that things got so bad at the end of last year that the State Legislature started an investigation. Obviously it was stopped by the Administration, of which Mr. Regan is a very close associate.

kindest regards,

Arthur J. Dolan, Jr.
Vice President

AJD:SF
Enclosure

Dope smuggling story first broke Nov. 13. Has been in and out of the paper on succeeding days through investigation, trial, etc.

Knifings, stabbings;

1959--

Feb. 16, iron bar.

May 23, fatal

April 18

Sept. 1

Oct. 28

1960--

Jan. 4, hammer, 3rd fight
in three days

Feb. 23

June 20

June 23, two knifings

July 8, fatal

Oct. 10, fatal

Dec. 29, fatal

1961--

June 18

Dec. 12, fatal

Dec. 22, fatal

Dec. 23, fatal

Dec. 24, fatal

Riots:

Jan. 2, 1960--Six, including
Chessman, riot on death row.Oct. 3, 1961--15 to 20 in brawl,
one killed.

Jan. 29, 1962--

Feb. 24, 1962--

Escapes:

1959--

April 21

May 17

May 25

Sept 8

Sept 24

Dec 8

1960--

Feb. 23

April 8

May 28

Nov. 25

1961--

Feb. 6

1962--

Jan. 29

On Dec. 24, 1961, State Sen. ~~Edwin~~ ^{Edwin} J. Regan (D, Weaverville) said he would call committee to investigate "turbulent" situation at Q.

NOTE: Dates are for PM papers. May be day before or after in AM's.

R. H. Finch

2-27-62

Bob Haldeman

cc: Research Dept.

RN wants to be sure that we are prepared to move on the Crime Program and strong endorsements of same by Pitchess et al immediately after Bob Kennedy's Crime Group meeting here in March. I believe the date is the 24th.

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