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MEMORANDUM FOR: DWIGHT CHAPIN
FROM: CHARLES COLSON
SUBJECT: POW Issue

It has been very strongly recommended by our best friends in the veterans movement that we not make any political use of any POW wives during the convention. Apparently there is a great deal of resentment that the Democrats tried to make political capital on this issue and our friends believe very strongly that we can make political points by saying that we refused to allow any prisoners wives to be used for any political purpose.

The other side of the coin, obviously, is we can't neglect the prisoner issue. On the other hand, contrary to my initial instincts, we probably should not use Carole Hanson or someone like that for a speech supporting the President. We should pay homage to the prisoners but not appear to be using their families and then make a very deliberate point that we refrained from doing it even though a lot were willing to show support.

cc: Bill Rhatigan