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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 19, 1971

MEMORANDUM TO: Lyn Nofzinger
John Lofton

FROM: Pat Buchanan

The attached I would think should get some coverage, because of a) it represents the first RNC-MONDAY response to the departure of John Lindsay b) it makes a somewhat dramatic assertion about Kennedy which is not altogether implausible, and c) it puts the RNC on record that McGovern is a dead man.

All of these are fairly good wire stories. In addition, the piece has within it some good lines I think, on Lindsay, Kennedy, McGovern and O'Brien, which tend to drive home points which we have made before, lines which are not unlikely to get picked up and repeated.

Suggestion is that if we go with this, we send it out with a cover memo before this weekend, indicating that we are breaking silence on why John Lindsay's departed, and giving Monday's interpretation of the conundrum this has created for the Democratic Party. If we make it sound a little "official league", some of these lines might be repeated.

Regards.

Patrick J. Buchanan

THE LINDSAY SHIFT

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But his inability to maintain party loyalties will not bind John Lindsay to the Democrats any more than it did with the Republicans. He will depend on his uppity Manhattan chic to ferry his political fashion show around the country -- giving little concern to polls and more concern to the polls. This effort will be aided by the national media and by what the New York Times called Lindsay's "public relations apparatus" which has tripled in cost since Lindsay took office as Mayor. Certainly, it was the Mayor's public relations flaks who advised Lindsay to move his announcement date up one day in order to blast McGovern and Fred Harris off the front pages of New York's papers -- McGovern and Harris having previously scheduled press appearances in New York on the day Lindsay finally decided to declare his conversion.

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-- ~~xx~~ Stanley J. Hinden, Newsday, "The most unhappy Democrat, although his staff tried hard to hide it, was Sen. George McGovern (D-S.D.), whose liberal positions on the Vietnam war, the problems with the cities and minority groups are paralleled almost exactly by Lindsay."

-- Harriet Van Horne: "Interestingly, the qualities McGovern lacks are the qualities Lindsay has in super-endowment. . . . Lindsay's charisma runneth over."

-- McGovern: "I certainly do not welcome further competition for the nomination." Called Lindsay a "midnight convert."

-- Larry O'Brien issued a terse one-line statement.

-- Ernest Ferguson (Sun): ". . . he becomes the heaviest contender on the left-liberal side of the Democratic spectrum, replacing the patient and decent but less telegenic McGovern, . . ."

-- Richard Reeves (N.Y. Times) - "...McGovern already has young lawyers doing negative research on the Lindsay Administration!"
"The Mayor is the very model of a new politician in the same ~~sense~~ sense that Robert F. Kennedy was."

-- Muskie should be happy. -- takes the left heat off of him. -- but could cause problems by driving him to the left.

-- Martin F. Nolan (Boston Globe): "Sen. Edward M. Kennedy. . .has long regarded the prospect of John Lindsay's conversion ~~as~~ ruefully. Lindsay qualifies as Kennedy's least favorite Democrat, and the Massachusetts Senator. . . would probably. . .endorse Muskie rather than see Lindsay somehow off run ~~with~~ with the nomination."

Portland (Maine) Press-Herald

-- Donald R. Larrabee: "Jack English, the Muskie political director, . . . has kept the lines open with Lindsay's people for some time and was advised of the decision in advance."

"English. . . thinks Lindsay could cancel out Sen. ~~and~~ George McGovern and several other potential candidates ~~if~~ if he ~~is~~ decided to go the primary route."

(English + English are "old", "Dean" friends (McGov))

-- William S. White: "It is bad news particularly to such far-out senators as George McGovern. . ."

-- Richard Stone (Wall St. Journal): Mankiewicz ~~has~~ holds ~~his~~ view that "Lindsay would drain both votes and, perhaps even more importantly, financial contributions from the ~~the~~ Senator." (former Kennedy flak, Frank Mankiewicz)

New York Times editorial: Cautioned that JVL's entry "would be to further divide the ranks of liberal Democrats, already fragmented around a half-dozen aspirants."

-- Very warm reception given Lindsay by John Burns and Robert Crane (state chairman of Mass.) both Kennedy men.

-- Victor Riesel: Lindsay had actually planned to announce his candidacy on Thursday, but chose Wed., Aug. 11th, in order to upstage George McGovern and Fred Harris -- both who were in New York and had scheduled press conferences for Wednesday.

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-- Martin Tolchin: ~~May~~ "The Lindsay Administration's public-relations apparatus has trebled in cost since Mr. Lindsay took office as Mayor. . ."