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PETER MILLSPAUGH

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Lowrey, Mrs. Betty

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Presidential Materials Review Board

Review on Contested Documents

Collection: Peter E. Millspaugh

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Folder: Lowrey, Mrs. Betty

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October 15, 1971

TO: Dick Howard

FROM: Peter Millsbaugh

So that you can begin thinking along with the rest of us as to how we might be able to finesse this little project, here is an update on what we have been able to uncover to date concerning Mrs. Betty Lowrey.

She and her family are constituents of Republican Congressman Clarence Brown. Surprisingly, Brown has had a number of chats with Mrs. Lowrey since she came to notoriety, and is in the process now of taking an up-to-date reading on her for us.

Mrs. Lowrey and her husband are long-time registered Democrats. Her husband has some disability and she is the dominant figure in the family. She has two married children, and, we believe, one hippie-type at home now. Mrs. Lowrey works at a small newsstand and gives every impression of running the show at home, as she has for many years. She is reportedly very bright, quite articulate, and comes across quite well.

Reportedly, she attained her position as Mrs. Average American by Union designation. Apparently, the Dayton Journal Herald approached the leader of the local Machinists Union, who, in turn, selected Mrs. Lowrey. It's Brown's feeling the Union would be pretty darn sure this gal was dependable before they afforded her any visibility such as would attend something like this.

Although she apparently doesn't get overly involved in community and civic activities, she did get drawn into the Metzenbaum campaign in '70 and worked actively on his behalf. In this connection, there was a picture of her carried in Life Magazine with Congressman Brown's opponent in '70. This is what caught Brown's attention and he apparently paid her a personal visit on the day before election and had a

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chat with her. She told him that Metzenbaum had told her that he would take her to Washington for his inauguration if he won. Brown in turn suggested that if Metzenbaum didn't make it that she could come to Washington on him and he'd roll out the red carpet and make sure she was treated right. Some months later, Brown was in the district on a speaking engagement and stopped in again to see Mrs. Lowrey. As he tells it, he again invited her to Washington and expected that she would take him up on it before too long. Brown has never heard anything back from Mrs. Lowrey and that's where their relationship stands at present.

Brown and I tossed about some ideas with respect to Mrs. Lowrey concerning possible substantive use of her here on a board or commission of some sort. Perhaps a participation in the Phase II plan in some citizen capacity would be a possibility. Congressman Brown is still not convinced of Mrs. Lowrey's approachability. We plan to discuss this thing again after he has had a chance to get a fresh reading on her. Suggest we defer action until we see what Brown comes in with.

→ SUBSTANTIVE
USE ?

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 4, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR PETER MILLSPAUGH

Any progress yet on Mrs. Betty Lowrey,
the Dayton women, who was chosen by
Scammon and Wattenberg as the average
voter? Has anybody contacted her yet?
What are her feelings and how do we go
about seducing her? (So to Speak)

W. Richard Howard

- Metzgerbiller pushed her up
- put on in hope of Brown's
opponent
- Brown saw her day before
election.
- husband would, work in newspaper
shop, buying son

- she said Moby-lick told her she would take her to Washington
- how vote?
- in doubt, vote Party
- if Moby. doesn't make it, you can come to Wash on me.
- in town take for speech, write her, invited her to D.C.
- never heard anything.
- selected James Harold (Dayton) Machinist Union selected
- would never select under election
- liberal struggle
- generally, left, even more well, dominant in family.
- don't know how she would react.

MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

TO:

YOU WERE CALLED BY— YOU WERE VISITED BY—

Charles Ross (Dayton) 513/224-9291

OF (Organization)

Re: Mrs. Betty Lowery

PLEASE CALL → PHONE NO. CODE/EXT.

WILL CALL AGAIN IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

RETURNED YOUR CALL WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

Both Mr. L. and her husband are long-time registered Democrats. Way she was elected: Leadership of the union her husband belongs to suggested her name -- but people Ross checked with say she is an average American housewife and doesn't do anything (I resent that) and is not a community leader and not active even in community affairs.

Cong. Brown talked w/her about a year

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ago and she told him then that she was
a Demo and would probably always
vote a straight Demo ticket -- both
she and her husband.

If you need to discuss this further,
Ross will be available all day.