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January 23, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN EHRLICHMAN

FROM: Dick Moore

SUBJECT: Alfalfa Dinner -- January 25, 1969

The Alfalfa dinner has taken on special importance every four years. Coming only a few days after Inauguration, it is the new President's first opportunity to display his lighter side and his wit.

The dinner guests are a prestigious and sophisticated group from Washington and from all over the country and will include all the "critics." A top performance on Saturday night, in the best Nixon style, can have an electric effect.

In short, I would love to see this brief speech given major thought and attention in its preparation.

As per our conversation, I attach some suggested material, but first I am outlining here a few points about the Alfalfa dinner that might be helpful by way of background.

1. The principal speaker is the man who has been selected as "Presidential nominee" on the "Alfalfa ticket." He traditionally makes a humorous speech of acceptance. This year the nominee is Harold Stassen.

2. The President's remarks are the closing spot on the program. Traditionally, the most successful speeches by Presidents have been those where they kidded themselves or members of their own official family, preserving the sharpest barbs for themselves. For instance, it was at his first Alfalfa dinner that JFK made the remark about the Attorney General (Bobby) getting some legal experience before going into private practice.

3. At the dinner new members of Alfalfa will be inducted Saturday night. One of them will be Vice President Agnew.

4. Under ordinary circumstances, one might be inclined not to pay too much attention to Mr. Stassen. In this situation, however, I believe it will be "be nice to Harold night" and he should be treated kindly. Moreover I believe he makes an ideal foil for friendly humor.

5. I would urge that all humorous material be new. It's true that the President already has a repertoire of excellent, proven material, but this is one occasion where I think freshness is important.

(If you need anything further, you can reach me at the Statler Hotel, Room 670-72 or, after Friday afternoon the Potter Stewart house (362-0211))