

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 24, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR ALEX BUTTERFIELD

I have reviewed the Heath Dinner guest list. I do not understand why we invite Scranton, who only recently through his naivete caused political embarrassment for the President. I had recommended Dr. Sidney Hook, who is a highly respected intellectual and who helped us fight the Scranton Commission. Once again we seem to be rewarding our enemies and ignoring our friends. On the same grounds I had recommended the President of Brigham Young, Dr. Wilkinson, who is also not on the list.

From labor we recommended Raymond Corbett, who swung the labor vote in New York behind the Republican Party; James Rademacher, who has 300,000 federal employees under his control and is entirely "our man;" and Murray Miller, one of the real powers in the Teamsters Union who has been backing Republican candidates. Instead the list includes I. W. Abel, who not only has been kicking us in the teeth politically but who is about to try and negotiate a very inflationary steel settlement. I would strongly object to this, believing as I do that these other three labor leaders can be tremendously valuable to us politically.

I also recommended from the ethnic community Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Perk. Perk was almost elected Mayor of Cleveland. He is symbolic of the white, middle class vote we are after. He was a key figure in Taft's election and should definitely be included.

Don Regan of Merrill, Lynch ~~comme si comme sa~~ <sup>is so-so.</sup> He is a power on the Street but a number of people on Wall Street have done much more for us than Regan. I don't feel strongly on that one. I see no political mileage whatsoever in Robert Wood, George Hammon, Robert Clark or Charles Mitchell. Conceivably these people are on our big contributor list and if so, fine; if they are just State Department suggestions, or if there is ~~isn't~~ some legitimate political reason for inviting them, I would strongly recommend that they be substituted for with others who have been doing things of value for us -- for example, John Swearingen, Standard of Indiana, has been terrific.

I also know nothing about Arthur Nielsen and Burr Bartram but I would suspect, or rather hope, that they are money people.

Can you plug in these changes? I feel especially strong about Hook and Wilkinson in lieu of Scranton; also strong about the labor group and specifically Rademacher, who has never been to a function.

*LMC*  
Charles W. Colson  
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RMW this date  
Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1970  
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Delete

Scranton

I.W. Abel

Add

Dr. Sidney Hook

Dr. Wilkinson, Pres of Brigham Young

Mr. Colson

Raymond Corbett

James Rademacher

Murray Miller - Teamsters Union

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Perle - Cleveland

John Swearingen - Standard of Indiana