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54	6	n.d.	Memo	Haldeman to R. Finch, re: Chuck Lichenstein letter. 10 pages with attachments.

CROSS REFERENCE

File: Conservative Coordinating Council

x Finch (referral for suggestion)

x Patterson, Pat (signer of letter)

x follow-up 1/20

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Nov. 8

I am concerned about the backtracking in Chuck's 4th paragraph. His points must be made to keep us honest but they should be more positive, if possible.

i.e. "I feel that the question of whether the Connally reservation is as specific and as effective as it might be is worthy of our further discussion. I am sure you also recognize that any responsible candidate would have to insist on more precise and specific terms than "loyalty oaths" and "fundamental educational values", etc.

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NOTE:

originals sent to R. Finch
with note from HRH per
copy attached hereto.

1-18-62

BOB HALDEMAN

from the desk of:

CHUCK LICHTENSTEIN

Net Finch
cc for our file
-- 31 Oct 61

Bob:

More I think of it, the more I figure it might be well to meet some group or other of these (in Wm. White's phrase) "reactionary irresponsibles" head-on. And to do it soon, candidly (as to likes and differences), with maximum publicity -- and in connection with a group that may be a bit less irresponsible than some.

Except for its general stuffiness (note that fantastic opening sentence in the covering letter), and its air of holier-than-the-Pope, the fact is pretty much as I state it in my suggested draft reply: on major principle, ~~MI~~ and these people are using about the same words and focusing on about the same issues (though meaning rather different things, in precise detail). They might be just the right audience for our purposes.

In any event: I'd sure leave the question of a subsequent appearance very much "open" to negotiation. And I'd answer 'em, for now, as follows --

Dear -----

I want to thank you for your very forthright letter, written to me as an announced candidate for the Governorship, requesting my views as they relate to the principles and objectives of your own Conservative Co-ordinating Council. And I want, also, to meet candor with candor by attempting to indicate possible areas of agreement and disagreement.

But first -- as to your invitation that I appear before your group -- my schedule is so tight until roughly the first of the year as to make impossible even one additional commitment. Could I have a raincheck, therefore, for the next two months? Then we ought to be able to arrange a mutually convenient time for early in 1962.

As I study your Policy Declaration, I am struck by the fact that, in every essential, your thinking and mine would seem to be just about the same. Certainly this is the case when you affirm the overriding principles of local self-government, of the free enterprise system, and of positive pro-Americanism as the best and most effective means of opposing subversive ideologies. Right down the line -- on all eight points -- we are in substantial agreement on basic beliefs.

Some differences of detail -- and, I suspect, relatively minor detail at that -- might arise over your list of ten Requisites for Candidacy. For example, I am not sure that the present Connally Reservation is as specific, and thus as effective, as it might be in spelling out the limits of World Court jurisdiction where U.S. security interests are involved. And I would want to know, with more precision, what is meant by "loyalty oaths" in item 3 and by "fundamental educational values" in item 4. But to repeat, I should think we could discuss such questions in a free give-and-take and with the mutual forbearance that is really possible only among those who agree initially on major principles.

I hope you will feel quite free to share these comments with your membership and that you will renew your invitation for a question-answer session at some time in the not too distant future. Your responsible approach to the coming campaigns is, in my view, well and properly oriented to the issues, and surely the candidates have a parallel responsibility to make known their own principles and stands on the vital issues confronting our State and nation.

With every good wish,

[Handwritten scribble]

CI 7-8300
x 2562

October 13, 1961

[Faint handwritten notes]

Mr. Richard Nixon
523 W. 6th Street
Room 1035
Los Angeles 14, California

Dear Mr. Nixon:

According to our best information, you have indicated your intention to seek the office of Governor for the State of California. Our Conservative Co-ordinating Council, the principles and objectives of which are enclosed, is very interested in your candidacy. It is our intention to seek out and endorse those candidates who most clearly reflect our philosophy.

If you are interested in receiving the support of a group who can put hundreds of precinct workers in the field for you, and a group that represents a variety of organizations throughout Orange County, would you please fill out the enclosed questionnaire and return it to us as soon as possible. We would further appreciate it if you would indicate an evening that would be convenient for you to appear before our group for an interview and a summation of your philosophy on the role of government as it relates to the freedom of the individual.

Yours sincerely,

CONSERVATIVE CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL

[Handwritten signature]

Pat Patterson, Chairman
Information & Education Committee

FP/ckv

Enclosure (2)

August 20, 1961

THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES AND "REQUISITES FOR CANDIDACY" WERE ADOPTED AT THE AUGUST 23RD MEETING OF THE CONSERVATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF ORANGE COUNTY, BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

1. I BELIEVE IN AND WILL PRACTICE A REPRESENTATIVE FORM OF GOVERNMENT, ESTABLISHED UNDER GOD AS SET FORTH IN AND LIMITED BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
2. I BELIEVE IN THE APPLICATION OF THE MONROE DOCTRINE.
3. I BELIEVE IN LOYALTY OATHS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS, PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, AND ANY AND ALL RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC MONIES, GRANTS, ETC.
4. I BELIEVE IN LOCAL CONTROL OF OUR PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND THE TEACHING OF FUNDAMENTAL EDUCATIONAL VALUES.
5. I AM FOR THE PRESERVATION OF UNITED STATES SOVEREIGNTY UNDER THE PROTECTION AFFORDED BY THE CONWALLY AMENDMENT.
6. I WILL FIGHT TO PROTECT THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE UNITED STATES FROM THE SUBVERSION OF PROMOTERS OF "ONE WORLD PHILOSOPHIES" SUCH AS UNESCO AND OTHERS.
7. I OPPOSE THE ADMISSION OF RED CHINA AND ANY OTHER COMMUNIST CONTROLLED GOVERNMENT TO THE UNITED NATIONS.
8. I BELIEVE IN AND SUPPORT THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES AND THE SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE. I FURTHER BELIEVE THAT SUCH COUNTER SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE SUPPORTED AT STATE LEVEL.
9. I WILL WORK TOWARD ELIMINATING ALL GOVERNMENT CORPORATE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN COMPETITION WITH PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, AND I SUPPORT AND WILL WORK FOR TAX RELIEFS AND REFORMS THAT WILL BENEFIT AMERICAN CITIZENS AT ALL LEVELS OF AMERICAN SOCIETY.
10. I WILL SUPPORT A POSITIVE EFFORT TO TURN BACK THE WORLD WIDE COMMUNIST ADVANCE, BY REVERSING THE POLICY OF "APPEASEMENT AND CONTAINMENT".

R. RANKIN, SECRETARY

August 23, 1961

CONSERVATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF ORANGE COUNTY

POLICY DECLARATIONS

THE FOLLOWING POLICY DECLARATIONS WERE ADOPTED AT THE AUGUST 23RD MEETING OF THE CONSERVATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF ORANGE COUNTY, BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

WE SUPPORT:

1. LIMITED GOVERNMENT--AND THE PRESERVATION OF DECENTRALIZED GOVERNMENT.
2. MAINTAINING, STRENGTHENING AND DEVELOPING THE FREE COMPETITIVE MARKET SYSTEM.
3. INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE--THE PRESERVATION OF HUMAN AND ECONOMIC FREEDOM--AND THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE, SELF-RELIANCE AND PERSONAL COURAGE AND RESPONSIBILITY.
4. EDUCATION--MEETING THE NEEDS OF AMERICAN EDUCATION THROUGH LOCAL AND PRIVATE ACTION, RATHER THAN THROUGH FEDERAL FINANCING AND DIRECTION.
5. WELFARE--THE PROVISION OF WELFARE NEEDS THROUGH VOLUNTARY EFFORTS.
6. PROTECTING EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES AND ALL OTHER AMERICAN CITIZENS, THIS COUNCIL IS FOR THE CURBING OF UNION AND/OR EMPLOYER MONOPOLY POWER--AND PREVENTING THE ABUSES OF SUCH POWER.
7. THE AGGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICANISM AND ACTIVE OPPOSITIONS OF IDEOLOGIES AND ACTIONS WHICH ARE CONTRARY TO THOSE FOUNDING POLICIES AS STATED IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.
8. A MAJOR REFORM OF OUR JUMBLED, INEQUITABLE AND OUT-MODED TAX SYSTEM TO ENCOURAGE SAVINGS, INVESTMENT, AND JOB-CREATING BUSINESS EXPANSION WITH MAXIMUM BENEFITS FROM TAX DOLLARS.

R. RANKIN, SECRETARY

August 23, 1961

CONSERVATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF ORANGE COUNTY

THE FOLLOWING BASIC OBJECTIVES WERE ADOPTED AT THE AUGUST 23RD MEETING OF THE CONSERVATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF ORANGE COUNTY, BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

- A. COORDINATE THE EFFORTS OF ALL COUNTY CONSERVATIVE VOTERS REGARDLESS OF PARTY OR OTHER AFFILIATIONS.
- B. ADOPT A GENERAL SET OF CONSERVATIVE POLICIES ON ALL PHASES OF GOVERNMENT.
- C. ADOPT A SET OF REQUIREMENT STANDARDS THAT WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATES.
- D. PRESENT AND PROMOTE CONSERVATIVE VIEWPOINTS TO THE PUBLIC, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RE-INSTILLING IN CITIZENS THE DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR GOVERNMENT.
- E. ASSURE THE VOTERS OF ORANGE COUNTY OF OPEN PRIMARIES BY AFFORDING ALL POTENTIAL CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATES THE OPPORTUNITY OF MAKING THEIR CONVICTIONS KNOWN TO THE PUBLIC.

R. RANKIN, SECRETARY

CONSERVATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF ORANGE COUNTY

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

_____ DISTRICT

TO BE COMPLETED BY CANDIDATES WISHING TO APPEAR BEFORE THE CONSERVATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL.

1. NAME _____ AGE _____
2. HOME ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____
3. BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____
4. HOW LONG A RESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA _____
5. HOW LONG A RESIDENT OF THE _____ DISTRICT? _____
6. IF MARRIED, NAME OF SPOUSE _____
7. NO. OF CHILDREN - THEIR NAMES AND AGES _____
8. GRADUATE OF WHAT HIGH SCHOOL? _____
9. HOW MANY YEARS OF COLLEGE WORK COMPLETED? _____
10. LIST COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED (WITH DEGREES) _____
11. BUSINESS EXPERIENCE SUMMARY * _____

12. CIVIC AND/OR SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS - POSITIONS HELD _____

13. GOVERNMENT SERVICE, RANK AND DUTIES _____

14. POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: HAVE YOU EVER SERVED A PARTY AND IN WHAT WAY? _____

15. FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH YOU BELONG _____

16. WILL YOU AGREE TO TAKE THE LOYALTY OATH? _____

DATED _____ SIGNED _____

* (USE REVERSE SIDE IF NECESSARY)

RETURN TO PAT PATTERSON, CHAIRMAN
INFORMATION & EDUCATION COMMITTEE
CONSERVATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF ORANGE COUNTY
611 S. HARBOR BLVD.