

April 13, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM: GORDON STRACHAN

Chapin forwarded the attached memorandum.

After your review, Buchanan should probably receive it as part of the Muskie Watch project.

*Redrafted
fr H to Bue*

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 9, 1971

4:00 p.m.

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Chapin
TO: RONALD H. WALKER *w*
FROM: W. DEWEY CLOWER *DC*
RE: MUSKIE

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DETERMINED TO BE AN
ADMINISTRATIVE
E.O. 12065, Sect
By *EP* NARS, Date *3-17-82*

The following was overheard while having breakfast at Colony 7 Restaurant, Fort Meade, Maryland April 9th by a close reliable friend. The conversation was between three men, one of whom apparently works for Muskie, the second is Mr. Hoffberger, Chairman of the Board, Baltimore Orioles, and President of Natural *Natural* Brewery Company of Baltimore, and the third, unidentified.

The Muskie spokesman was discussing strategy and their plans. He stated Muskie plans to run in all primaries not to just win the nomination (which he stated they had locked up now) but to show his strength across the nation. He stated they need \$1.5 million to operate before entering any primaries. Also he broke out the budget for individual states but the only understood figures were \$4.5 million for California and \$1.5 million for Ohio.

Mr. Hoffberger stated he would help if Muskie assured him he would maintain his position on Israel (whatever that is). After assurance by the spokesman that Muskie would not change but would do as they had agreed at an earlier meeting, Mr. Hoffberg said he would donate \$800,000, and would deliver it within one week.

Other observations were:

- Muskie will not announce in near future.
- Muskie satisfied with his standing in polls.
- Would not like to be higher at this time so long before primaries. Too hard to stay at high level.
- Muskie people do not trust H. H. H. who reportedly has promised to "deal" with Muskie.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 4/12

TO: Chapin

FROM: Ronald H. Walker

FYI ~~X~~

ACTION _____

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE

4/13/71

TO: Gordon
FROM: DWIGHT CHAPIN

FYI _____ PLEASE HANDLE _____

OTHER:

H - has not seen -
I don't know what you
do with this. -
why don't we back
it to Evans & W
or someone. - /c