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FOR DWIGHT CHAPIN

FROM: LEN GARMENT *u*

I really have little to say about the highlights (?) of night 2.

Askew / Attractive man, a fledgling political version of Billy Graham. Good, not outstanding keynote speech (I don't know what that would take this year). Too oratorical, overlong. Good lines but a platitudinous quality, i.e. a sustained piece of better than average but fairly stock stemwinding.

Wallace. The best point in the whole evening was the CBS interview from his hotel suite. A very credible restrained, articulate performance (certainly not a plus for the New Democratic Party). Crippled, Wallace no longer seems at all menacing. Can be a big force this fall, and will be with us for years to come.

Platform, A blur and a bore - but from the Democrats standpoint happily buried in the soggy proceedings. *A* crisp prime-time convention would have killed them.

Overall, *off* the Convention so far I can't dope out what the campaign will be like or how they figure it will work. I remember thinking the same thoughts in 1964 and then finding out that the Goldwater group didn't have any thoughts either. The McGovern speech and the VP choice will furnish the first clues.

FOR: DWIGHT CHAPIN  
FROM: BILL TIMMONS  
SUBJECT: DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION COVERAGE 41

REFERENCE YOUR MEMO TO HRH ON  
SAME SUBJECT. MY COMMENTS -

NO 2. WE HAVE ALREADY PLANS FOR  
EXTENSIVE "ALTERNATE PROGRAMMING"  
DURING CONVENTION SESSIONS. FROM  
DRAFT PROGRAM WE'VE PINPOINTED  
SLACK TIMES & ARE CONSIDERING  
SPOKESMEN FROM CITIZENS, DELEGATES,  
CELEBRITIES, SURROGATES AND ADMINISTRATION  
OFFICIALS. WE HAVE DISCUSSED AN  
OPERATING COMMITTEE TO RUN THIS  
FUNCTION WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM  
MOST WH & CAMPAIGN SECTIONS. IN  
SHORT, WE DON'T NEED TO FIGURE OUT  
A PATTERN SINCE IT'S ALREADY IN  
THE WORKS. I TOLD YOU THIS  
OPERATION IS IN GOOD HANDS &  
WILL GO WELL IF TOO MANY COOKS  
DON'T SCREW IT UP!

NO 4. WE ARE ALREADY DOING AN  
ANALYSIS OF CONVENTION DELEGATES &

PRESERVATION COPY

AND ALTERNATES. APPROPRIATE VOTING  
 BLOC AND/OR POLITICAL GROUPS  
 ARE FOLLOWING UP. THIS INFORMATION  
 MAY BE BASIS OF SPECIAL INTEREST  
 CAUCUSES. AS FAR AS "BALANCE &  
 MIX" IS CONCERNED WE CANNOT  
 COMPARE WITH THE MCGOVERN  
 REFORMS. WHAT THE HELL DO YOU  
 THINK I'VE BEEN DOING SINCE YOU  
 STUCK ME WITH THIS LOUSY JOB?

NO. 6. IT'S A MATTER OF OPINION BUT  
 I FEEL DIMMING HOUSE LIGHTS DETRACT  
 FROM APPLAUSE & ENTHUSIASM OF  
 DELEGATES - AND IN FACT WORKS AGAINST  
 IT.

NO. 9. WE ARE NOT GOING TO PUT THE  
 U.S. SEAL ON THE PODIUM OF OUR  
 CONVENTION. ARE YOU BLIND? LOOK  
 AGAIN TONIGHT.

NO. 11. MICKEY MOUSE!

NO. - . I'M AMAZED THAT YOUR REPORT  
 CONTAINED NOTHING ON THE FILMS.

PRESERVATION COPY

WHAT THE +?!=IEX YOU GUYS  
 doing up THERE? THE BIGGEST  
 NEWS FROM YOUR COMMITTEE'S  
 POINT OF VIEW SHUD BE THE  
VERY, VERY POLITICAL USE OF  
 FILM DURING THE O'BRIEN TALK.  
 THIS HAS TO SET PRECEDENT FOR  
 OUR FILM. RIGHT? EXCEPT  
 THEIRS WAS LOUSY. WILL OURS  
 BE ANY BETTER?

No. -. I COULD REPORT MUCH MORE  
 BUT CONSUELO BAILEY & I ARE  
 GOING TO NEGOTIATE ON THE GOP  
 READING CLERK NOW! I'M GOING  
 TO SEE IF MARK GOODE CAN'T BE  
 THE NEW POINT OF CONTACT.

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