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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK HOWARD
FROM: CHARLES W. COLSON

The President, last night, during our phone conversation indicated that he wanted a major speech attacking Muskie and a major speech attacking Humphrey, particularly their vacillation; how they have shifted from a hawk to a dove position, hitting them hardest on the point that they can't be trusted - that they lack consistency and can't be depended upon. He thinks they both need at separate times to be taken on with very major speeches.

Obviously, this is a Dole project. I don't think we should trust the drafting however to Nofziger because he is simply too busy these days. This might be a Khachigian project but only if he does a thorough job. In other words, we should find conflicting quotes, conflicting positions, conflicting statements and weave it all into very coherent speeches. You should then have a discussion with Nofziger to see if we can't program Bob Dole; I'll also talk to Lyn once the drafts are ready. If we run into problems because of Senatorial courtesy then we need to be thinking very hard about another speaker who can do this, someone with stature, but not a Member of Congress.

Please start working something along these lines.

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