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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 29, 1972

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT (Per HRH)

FROM: PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

McGovern's Deputy Campaign Manager, a friend from my Soviet trip, a level-headed fellow, called me today to say that McGovern will win in Wisconsin. He gave me the following polls:

MCGOVERN'S PRIVATE POLLS

AFL-CIO  
QUAYLE POLL

Humphrey	23	McGovern	24
McGovern	19	Humphrey	18
Muskie	14	Muskie	15
Jackson	13	Jackson	13
Wallace	9	Wallace	10
Lindsay	4	Lindsay	1
Other	3	Undecided	19
Undecided	14		

My friend tells me that in the McGovern Poll, McGovern is carried much lower than normal -- since it does not include the Second District (Madison) where McGovern is conceded to be immensely strong, compared with the other Democrats. Further, he says that those polled were those who intended to vote in the Democratic Primary, including Republicans.

This is hard to believe. Seems to me, even if these figures are accurate, however, that George Wallace will pick up some of the undecided -- he surely did in Florida.

But the McGovern fellow contends that Muskie could come in fourth or even fifth in the race -- which would be a climactic disaster for Big Ed.

Again, if these figures are accurate -- McGovern would be greatly enhanced; the liberal press would fall all over him for the next two weeks. Humphrey would be set back. Muskie would sustain a near fatal blow. Big John Lindsay would be finished. The situation would be more confused than ever. The likelihood of a first ballot nomination for the Democrats would be increasingly remote. In short, if this is the outcome, it would seem that the pressures on Kennedy would be substantial to move.

Buchanan

NOTE: If we have some hard poll information, and this is a possibility, then we should have Republicans cross over and vote for George McGovern. Word should go forth today.

PJB

3/23/72

DRAFT

MEMORANDUM ON STRATEGY BETWEEN NOW AND WISCONSIN

Because of unavailable data and because Wisconsin itself holds the keys for developing further strategy, it is somewhat difficult to plan effectively for the period between now and Wisconsin.

On the surface, it would be in our distinct interest for George Wallace to once again upset the field -- or at least pull as many delegates away as he can. Continued success by Wallace simply drives him deeper into the Democratic National Convention and sets the stage even more clearly for the assertion that the national Democrats are out of step with their rank and file.

Our impression is that Muskie will not do spectacularly well in Wisconsin. If he loses to Humphrey, Hubert will have many reasons to claim he's on his way again. If Muskie scores a poor third, Humphrey will be even stronger and the money will probably start falling in (with a drop-off to Muskie). Unless someone knows something we don't, there isn't enough good information to recommend continued targeted attacks on Muskie. Just leave him alone -- we don't want to elevate him now. Besides, the other Dems are beginning to smell the blood and they will be all over one another. And we shouldn't attack HHH yet because it's too early to know if he's on the way up.

Thus, our recommendation, strange as it may seem, is to sit back and wait until the Wisconsin primary is over when we can assess with more directness where our attention ought to lie. If anything be done, it is to help George Wallace.

At the risk of repeating ourselves, opposition attack activities must serve a purpose which meshes with our own campaign strategy, which furthers RN's chances of winning and which strikes heavy blows with effectiveness. Lacking these aims, we should just sit back and wait. That is about where we are now, and our reluctance to go on the offensive is guided by our best judgment of the road to Miami at this point in time.