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MEMORANDUM FOR H. R. HALDEMAN

As Dr. Moynihan left for Europe Friday night, he asked that I relay the three points he raised in his meeting with the President concerning a Presidential statement in the event the Family Assistance Plan passes the House this coming week:

- (1) The Family Assistance Plan is the single most important piece of social legislation in four decades. It is a great event that such legislation has passed the House, and passed by such an impressive margin.
- (2) There is a strong indication from this event that when Americans see a problem they can come together to solve it: Republicans and Democrats, Wilbur Mills and John Byrnes, the AFL-CIO and the National Association of Manufacturers; United States Catholic Conference, Synagogue Council of America, and National Council of Churches -- these and many other groups and individuals working together made this event possible.
- (3) Past welfare programs have divided us as a people. The Family Assistance Plan is a proposal which will bring us together. Blacks will benefit substantially from the proposal, but the clear majority of those receiving assistance will be white. (In 1971, 3.3 million families would be covered, 2 million white families and 1.3 million non-white families, with payments per family averaging \$1060 annually).

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