

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR KEN KHACHIGIAN

In conjunction with your present special project and per our previous telephone conversation, please keep in mind the information Victor Lasky relayed to me. Although I don't know where they would be most effective, they may possibly be usable either relatively soon or at least sometime in the future if the research has been done. They are as follows:

1) NBC news was caught bugging Democratic meeting room during the 1968 Convention in Chicago. They were caught red-handed, admitted they had done it, but there was no real follow-up or prosecution on this issue.

2) Jack Anderson was caught slipping a bug into the hearing room during the Sherman Adams hearings. He also was caught red-handed and could not dispute it but again he was never prosecuted.

3) Joe Raugh and Al Friendly of the Washington Post paid many thousands of dollars to a fellow by the name of Paul Hughs. Hughs was supposedly a spy in Joe McCarthy's camp and the Washington Post was paying him exorbitant amounts of money to obtain information on McCarthy. Apparently this was well documented in Freeman Magazine in the early '50s. This was the predecessor to National Review.

Even if we don't use this information at this time it would be good to have someone, now that we've got the resources, to research this and have it available. I would think the best line to take in this whole area would be that the present activities are just an exten-

sion of what we would call, during the campaign, "the dirtiest campaign in history." The Democrats are responsible for this dirty campaign; they were using exorbitant tactics to try to get to the President and they are just continuing these innuendos and hearsay in order to discredit the President who won by a massive landslide.

Depending on what is done with the information you are putting together, we can continue to use it through people like Bush, Colson, etc. so I really think you're doing a valuable job there for future use.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dick" followed by a horizontal dash.

W. Richard Howard