

September 29, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM:

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You asked my assessment of the President's first few days of campaigning in New York and California.

On the whole it looked fine and read well. The President obviously likes to campaign, and this comes across nicely.

It was deeply disappointing, however, to find the President saying things that are not so. By which I mean misstatements of fact. His Acceptance Speech at the Convention was riddled with such errors, and it now appears that his stump speeches will be also. This demeans the Presidency and will mar his victory.

You should hit those speechwriters hard. It is intolerable that they should put words in the President's mouth that are false. You are Chief of Staff for the President of the United States. You should not let anything demean his office or devalue Democratic discourse. Something of true value is entrusted to your care for the next five weeks. Be tough.