

May 7, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN
THROUGH: CLARK MacGREGOR
FROM: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS

It has been suggested that this office encourage Congressional loyalists to generate a joint-signed letter to the President supporting J. Edgar Hoover.

Several checks with the "good guys" (Devine, Ford, etc) reveal the most signatures we could expect is in the neighborhood of 50 or 60. This would be represented by the press as a failure and lack of support for the FBI Director. Therefore, we have asked our friends to stimulate more individual letters to the President as an alternative.

However, if you feel 50 or so names on a joint letter would be helpful, please let me know.