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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL ALEXANDER HAIG
FROM: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS
SUBJECT: Impeachment

As you know, the Resolutions for Impeachment and those for an Inquiry to determine if grounds exist for impeachment have been referred to the House Judiciary Committee. Regardless of the tapes issue or the status of a Special Prosecutor, it is my opinion the members of this committee will conduct an investigation into "grounds". The committee will hire a big name lawyer as chief counsel.

The committee will undoubtedly subpoena Presidential tapes, documents, papers, etc in their search for grounds. Can the President withhold papers under the Executive Privilege doctrine in this case? To turn over documents to this committee would be disastrous. To deny papers, on the other hand, appears to be covering up and may, of itself, be grounds for impeachment.

This tough question, and others, must be resolved soon as we prepared for the investigation. The committee is currently on a fishing expedition and has no specific charges.

I recommend one attorney be assigned full time to this project.

cc: Lea Garment
Fred Bushardt