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MEMORANDUM TO: CHARLES COLSON  
FROM: PAT BUCHANAN

Let's get together and make a determination as to how we can get this material investigated fully -- and then gotten out of here. Also, the timing. Perhaps it should come rolling out, in the fall or in October.

Buchanan

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*Pat - no need to  
talk about it; Die already  
Taken care of it -  
me*

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Hello Rose:

I want to acknowledge your July 15 letter and tell you it's always good to hear from you.

About the Tom Eagleton picture. I think McGovern made a bad blunder. For in the city of St. Louis, especially, Mark Eagleton, Tom's father, was very well known. And many of us, through the years, have come to know Tom rather well, also.

And what we know would add up to about this:

1. Mark (Tom's father) was a political conniver of a very unsavory nature. He once expressed to Joe Holland, now deceased, his readiness to spend a million dollars to get Tom into the Senate. Mark's loose ethical conduct extended even to his domestic life. I was told by Joe Holland that Mark's Will provided half of his estate to go to his secretary...the other half to his widow. And from what I heard from many sources...his secretary was really his mistress through the years.
2. Tom, as I just told Jack Steel who called me from Washington...has been in and out of Malcolm Bliss several times. Malcolm Bliss is a mental hospital here in town and Tom was suffering from acute alcoholism. He still has a whiskey voice. He came by it honestly.
3. There is a very strong likelihood...as I suggested to Jack Steel for his checking...that Morrie Shenker

Note

probably has been as deeply involved with Tom Eagleton...  
as he was with the unlamented former Senator Mr. Long.  
Morrie has been deeply involved with labor representation  
(Jimmy Hoffa, for example) and this might have been an  
influence in Tom's selection.

He's a very bright and articulate young man. Photogenic, too. But in the city of St. Louis, his background will hurt him...hurt the ticket, not help it. What it will be outstate is questionable unless the story about him gets out...and then, under such circumstances, it would hurt him dramatically.

So, to sum up my view about his contribution to the ticket in this state...no real contribution...and, very likely, detrimental to the ticket if the story about him gets out...and I'm sure it will.

One aspect of the upcoming campaigning pleases me. It will be fought, I believe, on issues...not personalities. And the mood of the country, Rose, is quite sober. Issues, then, will have impact.

As witness, precisely that situation of the indicated Jewish vote. I continue to be exposed to pro-Nixon comments. I attended a Trustees meeting, for example, at the Jewish Community Center the other evening...and several pro-Nixon statements were made by four or five people talking to each other. And the underlying comment: "I hope to hell the Republicans don't get too cock sure...and that they remember the Wilkie-Truman campaign. This country simply cannot afford to see a McGovern philosophy come in. It would be a disaster."

Rose...without embellishment...it was not only the feeling...those were, as nearly as I can remember, the exact words of Howard Hersch...president of a national envelope manufacturing company with headquarters here in town.

Naturally, as an individual, I want to see R.N. re-elected. And that is personal. But, additionally, just as a citizen genuinely concerned about his country, the desire to see R.N. re-elected is fortified many times over that that concern.

I will be a long time forgetting the seemingly \$44 billion dollar error in the miscalculations of McGovern's "give-away" program. And I bemoan the fact that we seem to be getting further and further away from

a sense of individual, first person I, responsibility for our families; for our careers; for our futures. This most certainly is not the spirit which built this country. And built it into the finest in the world, bar none.

*note* One more thought about Tom Eagleton which just comes to mind. He's a very impetuous person, and the combination of his drinking and his impetuosity got him into serious trouble at home. He and his wife were separated for a time. This I know.

All good to you, Rose.

Incidentally, I got a phone call from Bob. He's in Washington now. He'll be our house guest Friday night and will then head back to the West Coast Saturday. I'm looking forward to the visit.

My warmest regards.

Sincerely,



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