

THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

H.R. HALDEMAN

FROM:

GORDON STRACHAN G

SUBJECT:

Muskie Use of Sinatra Plane

You asked whether Senator Muskie had used Frank Sinatra's plane on the West Coast. Muskie did use the plane, which is owned jointly by Frank Sinatra and Danny Schwartz, a Democrat from San Francisco who raised funds for Humphrey in 1968. Schwartz authorized Muskie's use of the plane. It is not known whether Sinatra knew of the use of the plane.

The Vice President's office (Roy Goodearle) reports that "Sinatra is still with us". Sinatra usually checks with Peter Malatesta, of the Vice President's office, if there is an event which would give the appearance of not supporting us. For example, Sinatra called to ask if it would be a problem if Danny Schwartz attended a Humphrey fund raiser here in Washington recently. Malatesta said no but asked Sinatra not to attend. Sinatra left Washington the evening before the event to avoid attending.

Colson's office (Henry Cashen) was pushing very hard to have Sinatra introduced to the President quietly. Colson believes this idea has been rejected because of the Attorney General's opposition.

Magruder confirms that it is his understanding that the Attorney General is "negative on Sinatra". However, Magruder will check when he sees the Attorney General on Saturday.

The net result is that Sinatra is still with us and could be brought to a full endorsement if he met the President, if this were deemed appropriate.

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