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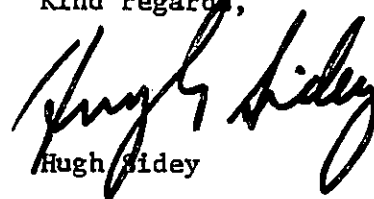
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Dear George:

I am profoundly distressed over the terrible error reflected in a confidential memorandum from me to my editors on June 1. It is one of those mindless human mistakes that occur in this business and are our embarrassment and sorrow. I apologize.

It is too complex and boring to lay out failures of myself and the office mechanics. Let me say that your name should not have been connected with the remarks about Vice President Agnew in any way. Beyond the injustice it does to both you and Mr. Agnew, I now know of your high regard for the Vice President, the opposite of which was attributed to you in that unfortunate document. All of this goes to prove, as you suggested to me, that Agnew knows a lot more about what he is saying than I sometimes want to admit.

Kind regards,


Hugh Sidey

The Honorable George Bush
United States House of Representatives
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THE WASHINGTON MEMO

OF SEX, WITCHES AND RICHARD NIXON

(HOUSTON, JANOS). QUEEN OF WITCHES SYBIL LEEK HAS TAKEN A LONG, HARD LOOK AT RICHARD NIXON'S ASTROLOGICAL CHARTS, ANALYZED HIS HAND-WRITING, AND FELT HIS VIBRATIONS. IN SHORT, SHE HAS GIVEN THE PRESIDENT HER VERY OWN \$1.98 SPECIAL, AND CONCLUDES THAT NIXON WILL BE WRACKED BY A MAJOR HAPPENING IN OCTOBER.

CAMBODIA? VIETNAM? DEPRESSION? NONE OF THESE. NIXON MEETS HIS WATERLOO IN A MAJOR SEX SCANDAL THAT WILL SHAKE THE GOVERNMENT ALMOST TO ITS FOUNDATIONS. LUNCHING WITH US OVER STRAWBERRIES AND WHIPPED CREAM, DAME SYBIL CONFIDES THAT NIXON HAS BEEN KEEPING A FORMER BROADWAY ACTRESS AT HIS FLORIDA WHITE HOUSE. THAT'S WHY PAT SELDOM ACCOMPANIES HIM THERE. THE SCANDAL WILL FOCUS ON THIS WOMAN.

"NIXON HAS NEVER KNOWN SEXUAL SATISFACTION," SYBIL TOLD US. "HE'S PROBABLY THE MOST LICENTIOUS PRESIDENT WE'VE EVER HAD, BUT MASKS IT BEHIND A PHONY MORAL EXTERIOR."

SYBIL SEEMED TO BE AMAZINGLY KNOWING ABOUT NIXONIAN BEDROOM HABITS. AND AS A CONTROL ON HER ACCURACY, WE ASKED HER TO ANALYZE OUR OWN.

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RESULTS: OL' SYB BABY COULD MAKE A FORTUNE AS A BEDROOM BLACKMAILER.

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REPORT FROM SIN CITY

(ANGELO). SEN. AND MRS. JOHN TOWER OF TEXAS HAVE YET TO BE INVITED TO ANY OF THE DOZENS OF WHITE HOUSE SOIREES GIVEN BY THE NIXONS--WHICH IS SURPRISING IN VIEW OF TOWER'S KEY ROLE AS GOP SENATE CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN AND A BULWARK OF THE SOUTHERN STRATEGY. A REPUBLICAN SOURCE HAS AN EXPLANATION. "TOWER HAS BEEN INVITED TO STAG AFFAIRS, BUT THE WHITE HOUSE IS AFRAID TO ASK HIM TO A BIG SOCIAL BASH--HE'S SUCH A WOMANIZER THEY'RE AFRAID HIS WIFE MIGHT CAUSE A SCENE"... CLEAN GENE MCCARTHY'S HALO LOSES ITS LUSTER WHEN ONE HEARS THAT HE OFFERS ESTRANGED WIFE ABIGAIL ONLY ENOUGH SUPPORT FOR A ONE-BEDROOM APARTMENT, AFTER ALL THESE YEARS IN ELEGANT HOMES. THE FOUR MCCARTHY KIDS, HE SAYS, CAN ALWAYS STAY WITH HIM... ON CAPITOL HILL THERE'S THE REPORT OF A PERKY YOUNG SVENGALETTE WHO HAS DONE MORE TO TURN A SENATE MIDDLE-ROADER TO THE LEFT THAN THE WHOLE BIG-CITY VOTE HE'S BEEN COURTING... THE CIGAR-SMOKING WIFE OF REP. DICK BOLLING, WHO WOULD LIKE TO BECOME PART OF THE DEMOCRATIC HOUSE LEADERSHIP NEXT JANUARY. CALLED A FRIEND WITH CAMPUS CONNECTIONS OF ADVICE. "I'M MAKING A SPEECH AND I NEED TO KNOW WHAT I CAN CALL STUDENT PROTESTORS," SHE SAID WEARILY. "DICK SAYS I CAN'T CALL THEM SHITHEADS"....

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VERY ANGRY. I THOUGHT HE WOULD REALLY BLAST ME. IT WAS ALMOST AS IF HE WERE PLAYING SOME BIZARRE GAME.

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SOMEWHAT CLOSER TO MIDNIGHT

(HANNIFIN). HARDLY ANYBODY EXCEPT A HANDFUL OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN EXPERTS APPROVES OF THE ABM.

NEWLY RELEASED AND ONCE SECRET CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY BY THE SCIENCE AIDES OF IKE, JFK AND LBJ SAYS THE SAME THING IN EFFECT: THE ABM IS UNSOUND, UNWISE AND PROBABLY, INEFFECTIVE.

WHY GO AHEAD, THEN? THE DOD RATIONALE IS THAT THE SOVIETS ALREADY HAVE GOT SUCH A SYSTEM, IN FACT HAVE MADE IMPROVEMENTS ON THEIR ORIGINAL HARDWARE CONCEPT. ALSO, THE MAINLAND CHINESE ARE LEAPING ALONG WITH NUCLEAR WARHEAD TECHNOLOGY, AND ROCKET PROPULSION SYSTEMS OF ICBM CATEGORY...WE'RE SCARED.

CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE ON THE US ABM WOULD BE UNDERWAY, PROBABLY AT THIS MOMENT, WERE IT NOT FOR CAPITOL HILL PREOCCUPATION WITH CAMBODIA. THE ABM DEBATE MERELY HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL MID-SUMMER.

MEANWHILE, THE US HAS BEGUN INSTALLING THE NEW MINUTEMAN III ICBM'S OUT IN NORTH DAKOTA. THE III'S DO HAVE THEIR NEW, MULTIPLE-WARHEADS (MIRV'S), AT THE MOMENT, BUT THESE SYSTEMS, WITH PENETRATION AIDES, WILL BE SCREWED ONTO TOP OF THE MINUTEMEN IN A FEW DAYS.

THAT SHOULD ADD EVEN MORE FLAVOR TO THE SALT TALKS, UNDERWAY.

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TILT TO THE CONGRESS. IF HE DOESN'T SUCCEED THIS FALL HE MAY BECOME THE FIRST PRESIDENT IN MEMORY TO SERVE OUT HIS PRESIDENCY WITH NOT EVEN TWO YEARS OF A FRIENDLY CONGRESS..

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BUSH WHACKS

(SIDEY). GEORGE BUSH WHO IS INTERESTED IN REPUBLICAN ACTIVITIES IN TEXAS WHERE HE IS RUNNING FOR SENATOR, WAS NOT ALL THAT PLEASED WITH SPIRO AGNEW'S ATTACK ON THE PRESS A FORTNIGHT AGO.. "IT WASN'T A VERY GOOD SPEECH," HE SAID.. IT CENTERED ON AGNEW AND RAISED A LOT OF POINTS THAT BRING APPLAUSE FROM THOSE WHO KEEP UP ON THE WASHINGTON SCENE BUT FOR THE VOTERS IN TEXAS, MOST OF WHOM HAVE NOT HEARD OF SCOTTY RESTON, THE IMPACT PROBABLY WAS SOMETHING LESS THAN SENSATIONAL.

BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE THAT BOTHERED BUSH MORE.. HE FLEW BACK TO WASHINGTON ON AGNEW'S PLANE. "THERE'S NOTHING THERE," HE SAID. "HE PLAYED GIN RUMMY ALL THE WAY."

THAT IS A POINT WHICH OTHERS ARE BEGINNING TO RAISE ABOUT AGNEW: -- HIS IS A MINDLESS PERFORMANCE. HE SEEMS TO BE POINTED TOWARD HIS TARGET AND TO BE PURSUING IT OBLIVIOUS TO THE ANGUISH IT CAUSES EITHER TO GROUPS OR TO INDIVIDUALS. AFTER ONE OF AGNEW'S TV SHOWS, A CORRESPONDENT ASKED HIM ABOUT HIS CRITICISM OF ROBIN FLEMING AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN. AGNEW ANSWERED MATTER-OF-FACTLY: "HE DIDN'T SEEM TO GET