

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.

For: Marvin Watson
From: Irv Sprague

An executive committee to select the Lynch delegation in California will meet Wednesday (Jan 3) in San Francisco (6:30 p.m., Hilton Inn).

Lynch has named Charles Warren, Democratic State Chairman, as chairman of the executive committee. Others invited:

Pat Brown and Sam Yorty.
Bob Coate, Northern Chairman.
Ann Alanson, National Committeewoman.
Gene Wyman, National Committeeman.
Eleanore Fowle, State Woman's Chairman.
Chet Holifield, Southern Chairman, Congress.
George Miller, Northern Chairman, Congress.
Hugh Burns, President of the Senate.
George Miller, Jr., State Senate.
Carlos Bee, Majority Leader, Assembly.
George Zenovich, Floor Leader, Assembly.

With Lynch and Warren this makes an executive committee of 14. It includes every statewide Democratic leader except Jess Unruh. The full selection committee will be an expanded group to include labor, finance and other interests. I will attend the Wednesday meeting and report to you.

Other California Intelligence:

1. Pat Brown called last week to advise that his law partner, Joe Ball, had just about decided to serve as State Chairman of the McCarthy Campaign. I asked Ramsey Clark to help. Ramsey called me Saturday to say he believes Ball is neutralized.

McCarthy previously had worked on Roger Kent, former State Chairman and Roger last week turned him down.

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McCarthy is now talking to Tom Braden, former President of the State Board of Education, and an also-ran in the Lieutenant Governorship race, and to Paul Zeffren, National Committeeman.

McCarthy is making all of these calls himself.

2. John Moss has now publicly announced he supports the President and will serve on the Lynch slate. He is working with other officials in his district.

This makes 14 Congressmen publicly committed. Three more are anticipated.

3. George Wallace apparently has qualified his American Independence Party, exceeding the 66,059 necessary registration by a good margin. Deadline is today. It will take several days for the official tally. This means Wallace will not be in the June Democratic primary but he will be on the ballot in November.

4. Fate of the Peace and Freedom Party is unclear. They reported filed more than 70,000 signatures, but some will not be valid. It will be several days before we know. This is the extreme peace group.

5. The McCarthy people are planning all-night parties March 5, the first day to qualify signatures for the primary. The first name to qualify gets top spot.

6. The Jan 12-14 Democratic Campaign Conference in Fresno is certain to be troublesome. (See attached program.)

Warren insists he is making it a working conference and there will be no opportunity to vote on the issue papers. They no doubt will be featured in the press no matter how it is handled. The foreign policy and Viet Nam papers will be bad. (I gave you draft copies earlier.)

Vice-President Humphrey will speak Saturday.

Senator McCarthy will speak Sunday. Warren said he honored the McCarthy request to appear after consultation with Bill Connell and Jim Rowe.

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