

Mr. Robert J. McIntosh,
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January 2, 1967

Dear Mr. McIntosh:

Thank you for your letter of Dec. 27, well received here and confirming what I had read in press dispatches just after the General Election. It is gratifying to know that you had confidence and foresight to resign and for a specific purpose.

This letter will not be a satisfactory answer, coming just at the end of the holiday rush. By that, I mean that additional and perhaps more significant persons may be forthcoming soon.

First to set the record straight, as a "city editor" I am in a "poor position" other than to establish contacts, make analyses, etc. Although I had some good training by Hiram Johnson in California when young in the newspaper business, and handled by publisher's correspondence there when he was serving Gov. C.C. Young as secretary, was highway commissioner, building and loan commissioner etc. During 11 years, I have been a "working newspaperman" since coming to Yakima 14 years ago. My professional achievements as author, sculptor, curator of the Washington State Historical Society and recognized authority on the American Indian have been gained at night, on days off, vacation and bonus days. My publisher is Republican, being unable to satisfactorily disguise his true feelings on a paper normally impartial or non-partisan. But this year and in 1968 there would be no doubt, editorial wise etc. He would be for any Republican nominee.

Having the respect of Northwest Indians, and at the proper time I would have considerable influence with some 7,500 actual voters, although Northwest Indians, because of tribal organization have had little support for Republicans since President Eisenhower's signature of the termination bill with a recommendation that it be modified, which it never was.

Now for specifics:

Yakima County is traditionally Republican, so is the 4th Congressional District, Washington. Yakima County's voter sign-up exceeds 60,000, that of the Congressional district 190,000.

I have found that Republicans and many who voted Democratic in 1964 are looking for any suitable Republican candidate.

Governor Romney's timing was excellent.

He was known, for his excellent record by those following politics and national affairs, but not by the ordinary run of the mill voter. In the ensuing weeks his name has become known.

Washington's 1967 Legislative session opens Jan. 9 and most political concern now is centered on the approaching session.

As of today, not necessarily "tomorrow," Central Committeemen or those in office are a little on the cautious side. Ones, who could be relied upon, because of position to be party leaders during an election campaign want to wait a little before coming up, waving banners.

Some, who are known to be sincere and honest enough to withstand a change later, if the man they come out for now isn't nominated would join in any Romney organization once it is under way. But what you need now are a few names. Here they are:

George M. Martin, 216 S. 28th Ave., Yakima, Wash. 98902. Attorney. Former Regional Library Board member, secretary Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital, former president Fort Simcoe Boy Scout Council, nominated for commissioner, State Parks and Recreation Commission, Mason, etc.

Donald C. Keith, mortician, 207 Lester, Yakima, Wash. 98902. Operates Keith and Keith Funeral Parlors with son who is past president of Yakima Jaycees. Active civic worker, former president Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital Association, etc.

Paul P. George, 1301 S. 2d Ave., Yakima, Wash. 98902. Sports director, Yakima Dailies, member Monday Morning Quarterbacks. Voted Democratic in 1964 but would vote Romney, support Romney and would not vote LBJ even if he does run, which he does not believe he will, etc. Likes Romney record.

H. Dean Guie, 219 Henry, Yakima, Wash. 98902. Retired, former editorial Page Editor, the Yakima Dailies. Son of early-day State Senator, Washington. President Fort Simcoe at Moon Mool Restoration Society. Brother-in-law of former 4th District Congressman Hal Holmes, Washington (Ellensburg); from strong social family, known as a non-deviating Republican. Lukewarm on most everyone, strongest on Romney at this stage, believes Nixon is important but NOT as a candidate.

and...Click Relander, 3701 Commonwealth, Yakima, Wash. 98901. newspaper city editor (who belongs to no-luncheon clubs because of noon-day deadline time and that if he did, other clubs would think he were "partial" in news coverage.

Contacts are out but not established with "party leaders" (the now-cautious, who have promised me names of some out_and_out Romney men, perhaps themselves, within "a few days." ("Let me think it over...I have someone in mind and will call you in a few days..." etc):

State Sen. Fred G. Redmon, former highway commissioner, one of the party fund raisers; O.E. (Eabe) Hollingbery, hop broker, former coach, Washington State College, party fund raiser instrumental in \$1,500,000 St. Elizabeth Hospital Fund drive, \$300,000 United Good Neighbors Drive, etc., county campaign manager for Congresswoman Catherine May; Lee Crossen, county commissioner (man whose place I took when I came to work on Yakima paper and he was elected commissioner) on inside of party steering committee; Steve Johnson, president, Young Republicans, who ousted "ultra-conservatives" from Young Republicans just before Nov. 8 General; Paul Lancaster, 1966 Republican Central Committee Chairman, fruit packer, fund raiser;

who did not choose to seek re-election as county chairman; W.B. Holst, attorney, strong party worker; Alex Deccio, central committeeman and chairman of Central Committee nominating committee, and about six more of similar caliber.

I should have something interesting to report from the latter list within three or four days or it will be significant. The significance to me, at this time, is that they are hopeful something will start moving on Nixon, more than Mr. Nixon himself. And I also remember that these latter named have recently been engaged in a "knock-down drag out" setto with Floyd Paxton, Yakima industrialist, out and out Birch advocate who organized the Washington Conservative party which didn't get off the ground, and ran against Rep. Catherine May in the 4th District Congressional Race. She, and they, were scared stiff. Paxton spent \$80,000, known expenditure in his race. Rep. May polled 70,000 votes, the Democratic nominee, a physician, 30,000, and Paxton 9,000. And there was considerable talk here, no confirmation and no denial, but Paxton dumped about \$60,000 into California for Reagan. Paxton publishes his own weekly newspaper, started about nine months ago. In time, I will send you copies of it. He has the money he could keep publishing, indefinitely. In 1964 he offered shares in his plant to his employees IF Goldwater was elected. But this is matter for latter, according to circumstance developments.

As I noted, this first letter may not be "too satisfying" but I trust it will give you a little ammunition, and that later conditions may be such, both here and from Michigan, that I may "pass more ammunition."

Sincerely

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P.S. At a recent State Historical Board meeting, I cornered Reno Odlin, out president for a little chat. Reno is immediate past president of the American Bankers Association, on various budget advisory committees, Republican and Democratic, and quite a force in state politics although he has declined to run for governor. At present he seems to go along with some of the old guard but I think, very shortly, may see in the Governor of Michigan, what I see, the best potential for our party in 1968

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January 2, 1967

Dear Mr. McIntosh:

As you may know I have been sending samples of newspaper clippings from Portland, Seattle, Spokane, Yakima and a few other Northwest papers, direct to Governor Romney since just prior to the General Election.

I suspected these could be of some small value to help determine trends.

I was disappointed in 1964 that the chips did not fall Governor Romney's direction. But, while not as well for the country, it was probably well he did not obtain the nomination at that time. Now things are different, and I hope no "miracles" will restore the Baded (or jaded) LBJ image, making us wait another four years after 1968.

I will send the clipping samplings to your office until such time as they may be of little use.

Ten days ago I noticed a trend in the clippings I did not like and at first thought the Governor was losing a "good press" in the Pacific Northwest. This does not now seem to be the case. Rather it appears that minds were already made up and the lapse was to look to a leader to make definitely known his plans; and in the case of the Pacific Northwest, at least, to come up with some definite matters of program.

At this time, as I wrote the Governor at Lansing, time is more valuable for other matters than to acknowledge letters. But I hope, according to developments, you see in the clippings that which I, a trained newspaper man observes: 1-The play of Associated Press and UPI stories, play of art or pictures, the extent of use of columnists' materials when papers have many columns they purchase but do not use, regularly; play of stories regarding Reagan, Rockefeller, Hatfield, Percy, Javits etc.; local editorials and, especially, Letters to the Editor.

A fair percentage of Letters to the Editor are not "debating" Conservativism, which recalls to me Goldwater and how his press has already attempted to divorce him from various utterances of two years ago.

As a Republican I am more inclined to "fear" a combination of Nixon, Goldwater and Reagan elements, preventing the Republicans from producing a winning ticket, than other forces.

I am replying to your well-received letter of December 27 separately

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January 3, 1968

Dear Mr. McIntosh:

A second letter, in as many days, replying to your letter of December 27 and our more than usual interest in the nomination of Governor Romney in 1968.

A few names were listed yesterday (January 2). I made some more judicious calls today and received enthusiastic response. Everything was 100 per cent. Of course I did not contact any of my known strong line Democratic friends. Some however have voted Democratic. And I thought a few women should be contacted. The results:

Mrs. Lois Hoff, Rt. 7, box 161C, Yakima, Wash., 98902. Enthusiastic. Would gladly work with any Romney support group. Is precinct committeeman, has been vice chairman of Central Committee (Washington State Federation); cast electoral vote for Eisenhower in 1956 as representative at large and attended 1944 and 1952 National Conventions. Would help organize county wide committee, representing dozen communities (and cities) of 30 to 40.

Mrs. Don McNeice, 9 Belgold Drive, Yakima, Wash. 98902. "...wouldn't it be wonderful if someone with such high moral standards as Governor Romney could obtain the nomination...I know of no other potential candidate who could put the government on a sound financial basis. Has been a hard worker for successful candidates; is still tied up with post-holiday activities and recovering from November but "hope he can be nominated" and would work for him.

G. Victor Hurley, 3010 Barge, Yakima, Wash. 98902. Retired lieutenant naval commander; was on Admiral Nimitz' staff; author of Southeast of Zambonga, Men in Sun Helmets, Jungle Patrol and Swish of the Kris; wrote landing manual for Philippines "recapture;" member of Explorers Club and was star sprinter for University of Washington 20 years ago being undefeated on Pacific Coast in 100 and 220 yard dash... "Governor Romney is the only man (of the potentials) who acts and looks like a President."

and, contacted who believe Governor Romney is the top candidate but, who, because of positions in politics, do not wish to wave any banner for any candidate, at this time. Also indicated that according to developments it might not be long before they would be very glad to work for the nomination of a man of Governor Romney's qualifications. They all agreed that Governor Romney should be nominated and that there is exceptionally strong support among the general run of voters:

Bert Broad, stationery store owner, former Central Committee chairman; Stephen Johnson, Young Republican President, busy with Lincoln Day banquet plans, annual Feb. 12 project for party of Young Republicans, "Governor Romney would have strong support, inside and outside of the party," (but unwise in his position to declare immediately; Eugene Ivy, former state senator, interested in watching developments; Mrs. James Salvini, Sunnyside, incoming state president of Federated Women's Clubs, will serve until June of 1968, unavailable on long distance telephone call but Mrs. Hoff (page 1 listing) said she would undoubtedly join in; Walter Stauffacher, Grandview, attorney, formerly of county prosecutor's office, likes the way Governor Romney is moving rapidly which is the way to gain the nomination but doesn't wish to pick out any individual at this time, and Paul Lancaster, fruit packer, immediate past president, Central Committee, doesn't want to designate anyone but perhaps soon, and will contact me, and sees everything favorable here, for strong support.

I have purposely omitted men such as (Elder) Edgar Johnson of the Yakima Stake, Rotary Club district leader, active civic service leader.

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I believe sufficient "judicious" inquiries are out to things in motion which will synchronize with expectable developments.

It was surprising, even to me with my "confidence" to not encounter a single person who did not feel that Governor Romney would be an outstanding candidate. I think you will agree it is understandable that persons, who have been in so many campaigns do not, 100 per cent, wish to step up waving banners. But not a single one said they hoped Nixon obtains the nomination and not a single one named any other preference than Governor Romney.

If Governor Romney decides to actively seek the nomination, and actual organizations get under way I see no reason why there would not be an effective organization, just naturally. But the real support, that at the polls, already exists here at the down-to-earth level. This to me is remarkable when there are so many persons employed on various government programs of one kind or another, but I'm sure it is true. To ~~me~~ me it is proof that we are, still, more American than some people believe we are.

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Mr. Robert J. McIntosh,
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January 5, 1967

Dear Mr. McIntosh:

Toward end-of-the-week clipping sampling from
Oregon and Washington.

Reagan's "second inaugural" received good radio playback in
Northwest, especially "...the time has come to match outgo with income
instead of always doing it the other way around..."

Too early yet, but Goldwater's trip to Far East receiving little
recognition.

In state of Washington, Governor Evans tax raising statements
cooly received by most of residents, those who would have to pay them.

Some significance that WP Wirephoto carries Scott Romney "social"
picture on its western network.

And Drew Pearson, running true to form by Bombasts aimed at his
style of "fearless journalism" which fools no one. Dodd libel case
recalls Pearson and Pearl Wanamaker case in which he paid off former
superintendent of instruction in Washington state in libel suit.

Hope Governor's Lincoln's Day dinners provide good food for thought.

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Mr. Robert McIntosh,
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Port Huron, Michigan.

January 9, 1967

Dear Mr. McIntosh:

Commentary on Viet Nam, now that columnist
William S. White has "raised the issue."

Only a scattering Letters to the Editor in northwest papers
I see "protest," More Letters take the stand we are in a war and let's
see it through; many that it should be more vigorously pressed until a
conference table is forced. Mothers and fathers of sons in combat are
very loyal.

Half-hearted protests were made in some cities on blood drawings,
Viet Nam gifts, etc. and these faded in face of strong support.
Generally most people DO NOT look upon war as political matter.

At primary election, Yakima College Professor campaigned for Democratic
Nomination, 4th District Congressman on strongly worded "get out of Viet
Nam." Candidate was Richard Lord, with reputation of having gone to
Mississippi as "observer" in protest marches.

Lord lost nomination to Dr. Bansmer, physician and surgeon, who retired
as chairman of Yakima County Democratic Central Committee to run for
Congress. He had state party backing, CORE financial support.

Bansmer was defeated at General Election by Congresswoman Catherine May,
Republican who mildly supported Viet Nam and Johnson against strong
"get out of Viet Nam" campaign by Bansmere.

Floyd Paxton, Conservative Party congressional candidate, who
spent \$80,000 on campaign with very strong "get out of Viet Nam"
placed a poor third. Approximate Rep. May, 70,000, Dr. Bansmere, 30,000,
Paxton, 9,000.

Same is generally true throughout the state. Same is NOT True on
War on Poverty Funds.

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January 14, 1967

Mr. Robert J. McIntosh,
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Dear Mr. McIntosh:

Here are more Yakima County, Washington names, in line with your letter of December 27. Additionally I believe that the Governor has by this time been contacted directly by several Republican leaders as result of the letter.

Lauren Dobbs, 321 N. 32nd Ave., Yakima, 98902. Definitely "yes."

Paul C. Anderson, 312 Lockhart Drive, Yakima, 98901 "definitely interested." history teacher at Yakima Valley College. Served on GOP platform committee.

Porter King Sligar, rt. 1, box 129, Naches, Wash., 98937, "definitely interested."

James C. Miller, rt. 2, box 2 37, Zillah, Wash., 98953 (school board member), "definitely interested."

Norman Johnson, 318 N. F. St., Toppenish, 98948, school guidance counselor. "definitely interested."

I have forwarded you the name of Mrs. Lois Hoff, Rt. 7, box 161-C, Yakima, Wash., 98901 as a very interested and very active political worker. She had luncheon today with some wives of some of our solid political leaders and sat quietly, listening, while they expounded strongly in favor of Gov. Romney.

Because of her long experience and contacts, she suggests the following names of persons whose background, "ideology" (whatever that is in this case) entitles them to consideration on any "mailing list" seeking to ascertain a wider backing:

Mrs. Mary B. Barrett, 1314 Browne Ave., Apt. 1, Yakima, Wash, 98902

Edward M. Morrissey, 16 So. 12th Ave., Yakima, Wash. 98902 (young, former Republican State Representative).

Lance Read, 16 S. 10th Ave., Yakima, Wash. 98902.

Wray R. Brown, 720 S. 8th Ave., Yakima, Wash. 98902 (Yakima city councilman, operator of several drugstores).

Margaret Froula, 901 Queen Ave., Yakima, Wash., 98902.

Pat Haney, (Mrs.), 311 N. 25th Ave., Yakima, Wash. 98902.

Mrs. Madeline L. Powell, 610 S. 27th Ave., Yakima, Wash. 98902.

Madeline L. Powell, 610 S. 26th Ave., Yakima, Wash. 98902.

Mrs. Mimi Adkins, 226 Chisholm Trail, Yakima, Wash. 98902.

Walter B. Dauber, 5103 Douglas Drive, Yakima, Wash. 98902. (attorney)

Ron Halverson, Rt. 1, box 340, Toppenish, Washington, 98948 (on Republican Central Committee).

2-Mr. McIntosh, list

Frances Mulqueeney, Scoon Rd., Sunnyside, Wash., 98944.
Carl Marison, 1240 Upland Drive, Sunnyside, Wash. 98944.
Mrs. Ralph P. Campbell, Rt. 4, Box 4368, Wapato, Wash. 98951.
Les Barbee, Rt. 1, box 51, Zillah, Wash., 98953.
Mrs. Susanne Monson, 808 W. 7th Ave., Selah, Wash. 98942.
Mrs. Helen Parrish, Rt. 8, box 8, Yakima, Wash. 98902.
Merle J. Locke, 510 N. 38th ~~xx~~ St., Yakima, 98901 (teacher, very active
in Yakima Education Association.
Mrs. Doris Hill, 510 S. 44th St., Yakima, 98901.
Fred Stewart, 206 N. 70th Ave., Yakima, Wash. 98902.

Mrs. Hoff and I, in the daily routine of our contacts will continue establishing contacts with persons of this caliber. Frankly the remarks continue to indicate very strong support. Most of these, strong Republicans, are not inclined to go out for Nixon, believing he would not be a strong candidate although he is an outstanding Republican etc.

The persons are of such caliber they would carry much weight and perhaps the deciding "vote" in any later decision which would come up before a county-wide Republican group for a vote.

I feel these are sufficient names, with the others provided, for your needs in the foreseeable future.

You may be interested in my story of an "Indian" funeral, in which I was asked to be the only non-Indian pallbearer by the Tribal Council of the Yakima Nation, enrollment, 5,600, but declined so I could take a photograph. Permission for such photographs is seldom given. Mr. Strongheart bequeathed his very large collection of costumes and 12,000 rare books and documents to the Yakimas with the provision they return his body from Hollywood and give him a genuine Indian funeral. He also asked I be on the advisory committee to the tribe as to display etc. of this big collection.

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Jan. 16, 1967

Mr. Robert J. McIntosh,
333 Pine Street,
Port Huron, Michigan.

Dear Mr. McIntosh:

Although she knew we (at the paper) would have a wire story, Mrs. Mer (Betty) Edmondson called me today to give me the attached additional information on the State of Washington State Committee reorganization.

She said no presidential candidates were discussed at the meeting which concentrated on an anticipated move to "unseat" C. Montgomery Johnson. No nomination was made other than that for him. (They are still jittery).

Knowing that none of the party officials are speaking out at this time, as is natural, I do not think it amiss to add Mrs. Edmondson's name to your state of Washington list, as she would no doubt wish to be listed as a "good Republican."

Mrs. Mer Edmondson,
Secretary, Republican State Central Committee,
624 S. 34th Avenue,
Yakima, Washington, 98902

Mr. Bob Timm, Harrington, Wash. (wheat farmer) I understand is going to the New Orleans meeting late this month. He is state committeeman and you may see him there.

The most important meeting for the West at which the nomination workers will get busy will be the Western State Conference at Denver, late next October, as you know. If they are waiting until then, it seems logical that some of the grass roots swellings I've noted to you from one region, will fall on receptive ears.

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January 23, 1967

Mr. Robert J. McIntosh,
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Dear Mr. McIntosh:

Clipping: EOP's Elect Brachtenbach, attached. He is newly elected president of 4th Congressional District (Wash.) Republican Club. This is composed of 12 counties, 190,000 voters.

Congresswoman Catherine May flew out to address the club yesterday, Sunday. She called me this morning on other matters. I asked her if anything was said regarding nominees and she said, no, everyone is laying low.

I emphasized to her that while this was true of the partyworkers, that the Governor Romney, cut and out supporters at grass roots was so strong I had encountered only one person out of a spot check who preferred the Governor to any other potential GOP candidate. And that the spot check had included a small percentage of my friends, Democrats who voted for Johnson in '64 and would vote sure for Romney, undecided if any other GOP candidate.

Brachtenbach, an attorney lives at Selah, near Yakima. (ZIP code 98942). He definitely helped elect Gov. Daniel Evans and would go way Evans goes.

Mrs. Loren Dobbs, re-elected treasurer of the 4th District Club is Yakima secretary for Congresswoman May. Her husband is one of the names I have sent you as a definite "yes" for the Governor, and you have his address.

Congresswoman May said she was very glad to learn of the strong grass roots support for the Governor. When she first ran for the Legislature (before her election to Congress) I was the only one supporting her from out office and she's never forgotten. She was quite disturbed before last Nov. 8 by "ultra" Conservative \$80,000 campaign and strong COP Democratic campaign and I told her there was no reason to feel that way (Nov. 7). She won, 60,000 plus to 30,000 Democratic and 9,000 "ultra" Conservative.

If there's another address to send samplings of clippings, have one of the staff get it down for me.

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Mr. Robert J. McIntosh,
Romney Associates,
404 E. Michigan Ave.,
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Feb. 24, 1967

Dear Robert McIntosh:

I wish I were in a better position, this week, to get clippings of Alaska, Idaho, Utah papers to go with these and they would all together, provide you with a better picture.

From here, the Governor's visit produced a lot of clippings in a short time, also some editorial cartoons and comments. It appears from here that some political figures, who "accuse" the Governor of being cautious are the ones who are cautious, now that they are finding the Governor has a strong appeal with "usx commoners."

I think the so called "ultra conservatives" will make a loud noise as they did last November. In reality, there are comparatively few of them making a big noise to try and make up for the numerical deficit. And they fool few people, just like the extremists.

Editorial writers and by-line reporters, in asking for "decisions" in reality are asking for something they can in turn try and criticize. They are like book reviewers or critics who can 't write books but try and show superiority by criticizing the authors. People who read book reviews read them to find out something about the book, what generally to expect in it, not the self-centered opinion of the critic.

I believe most people feel that the Governor's visit was a "get acquainted" trip. Not a business trip; that when he feels he has something to say at the right time, he will say it; and that it will agree with their thoughts of honesty in government. They have no easy solutions to major problems and expect none but what can be gained by work and leadership.

Sincerely

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3701 Commonwealth,

Yakima, Wash. 98901

March 1, 1967

Mr. Robert J. McIntosh,
Romney Associates,
404 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, Michigan 48938

Dear Robert J. McIntosh:

I am sending you a special name, as far as obtaining a substantial list of supporters of the Governor for presidential nomination is concerned.

I have talked with him and will make another contact. He will compile a list of names for you:

Edgar F. Johnson, 5306 Richey Road, Yakima, Wash. 98902.

He is President of the Yakima Stake and head of the J. & G. Brokerage Co.

I do not believe he is acquainted, especially, with any of the numerous names I have provided you. Mr. Johnson's support I assumed until the proper time came to contact him. I believed this would have been the way you would have handled it.

Enclosed, another postage contribution. There will be more later. I hope to be able to handle postage expenses for the Associates from my region in the Northwest.

To help start the ball rolling, as occasion demands and I will await word from you, Mr. Johnson might be a person to whom I could make a humble cash contribution to, and he could pick it up from there.

Most Sincerely

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3701 Commonwealth

Yakima, Wash. 98901

Mr. Robert J. McIntosh,
Romney Associates,
404 E. Michigan Ave.,
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March 14, 1967

Dear Jack:

"Introducing" a new clipping service from "Romney Preferred."

Random clippings, "Voice of the People," "Letters to the Editor" etc. will be sent at infrequent intervals to show what the "letter writers" are dealing with in their comments.

I know from experience that approximately 8 per cent of the letters are from "chronic" letter writers.

Analysis, hurriedly:

1-Taxes continue to predominate.

2-War in Vietnam has increased markedly since return to local communities of ministers who went to Washington, D.C., six weeks ago on "peace" mission. Many of the ministers, especially Unitarians and Methodists, are writing letter after letter, members of congregation follow, occasionally a member of a congregation writes as a dissenter. Some have suggested that if churches continue to take important role in politics, they should be taxed.

Peace in Vietnam has become a protest movement of a minority, but loud.

3-Governor Reagan draws surprising number of favorable comments, mostly for what writers construe as student "crack-down." This because small student groups in nearly every city and conduct is generally obnoxious to the rank and file.

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Yakima, Wash. 98901

Mr. Robert J. McIntosh ,
Vice Chairman
Romney for President Headquarters

July 8, 1967

Dear Jack:

There will be a little lag in the flow of clippings pertaining to the Governor and other matters of interest to you, because of the Northwest tie-up in air mail, attributed to the West Coast Air Lines ground personnel strike.

Supervisory flights have been under way since July 1 until today when all air service here was grounded. Hence dispatches will go via train until they make air mail connections at Seattle, Spokane or where the post office works out schedules.

The Governor received very good play, especially picture-wise from New Hampshire.

One clipping quotes Mr. Nixon as being "uncertain" as to his candidacy.

Despite Gov. McCall of Ore. and his "trial balloon" things in the NW remain much the same. The "rank and file" are very much for the Governor. The political "leaders" are on the fence. And my remarks, two years ago to the Governor concerning young attorneys who "aspire" comes strongly forward in the Young Republicans. Gov. Dan is still behind the 8-ball because of his high tax program. O'Connell, attorney general, Demo. is trying hard for the nomination for governor but won't get it. The Republicans have no one who can defeat Magnuson, D for U.S. Senate. If Magnuson's margin is less than 175,000 it would indicate a Republican landslide shaping up for 1968!

Now comes the steeper part of the long up-hill climb. Good luck and keep working.

Best Regards