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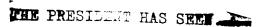
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TELEPHONE CALL TO

Congressman John Buchanan and Monday Morning Quarterback Club

Monday-November 24, 1975

2:00 P.M.



THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 21, 1975

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO:

Rep. John Buchanan (R-Ala.)

DATE:

Monday, November 24, 1975

2:00 p.m. (3 minutes) Phone: (205)251-8423

PURPOSE:

Football talk, particularly the Michigan-Ohio State game that was played on November 22 and the Nebraska-Oklahoma game, which determine which teams go to the Rose and Orange Bowls.

David Matthews

VIA:

Max Friedersdorf M. (,

RECOMMENDED

BY:

Vern Loen (at request of Rep. Buchanan)

BACKGROUND:

- 1. Rep. John Buchanan (R-Ala.) will answer the phone and introduce Frank Bromberg, Jr. who will present Bob Devaney, former University of Nebraska Coach and now athletic director there, who is guest speaker for the day.
- 2. The Monday Morning Quarterback Club is made up of about 475 Birmingham leaders and is noted for its charitable work in the field of crippled children and heart disease research.
- 3. CAUTION: Do not mention other bowl games or University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa because there will be many Auburn fans in audience. Alabama-Auburn game is Saturday, November 29.

TALKING POINTS:

To be furnished by Paul Theis

cc: Bob Rousek

Similar and little largers and LINACTO ni honstil, i m

football powers, may not participate in a bowl game for the first time in seven years. The JUST that all the players want to put

ranked second in the nation, voted twice yes along ling Oklahoma," said Coach Tom Osborne of terday to reject a Fiesta Bowl invitation and war Nebraska, which twice has used bowl victoappear in the Orange Bowl — or no bowl at while it is to nail down national championships in

after Coach Bear Bryant of Alabama sur Bowl, where six teams reportedly still are as charged by the coaches of Nebraska and as for Miami of Ohio. Another spot was filled Penn State to face his team in the Sugaraber to the Peach Bowl. Bowl game. The bowl line up looks like this:

bossibly two; if Oklahoma beats Nebraska Oklahoma Jo Saturday in the showdown for the Big Eight Bir Winner vs. Ohio State-Michigan loser. title and the Orange Bowl berth awaiting the winner.

Oklahoma, ranked! sixth, has agreed to vs. Georgia. face the Western Athletic Conference cham- signi Sugar Bowl, Dec. 31. Alabama vs. Penn pion, either Arizona State or Arizona, in the safe State. and the state of which the state of the stat

The unbeaten Cornhuskers, currently of all their eggs in one basket and that's defeat.

That situation developed late vesterday the The definite vacancy is in the Tangerine faced to deny his team was ducking anybody have, under consideration to provide the opposition Oklahoma, but to admit he had hand-picked drais Monday when West Virginia accepted a bid-

The flurry of activity two days after invitade of Rose Bowl, Jan. 1: Big Ten champion tions could be offered left only one berth defi- (Ohio State or Michigan), vs. Pacific-8 chamnitely open among the 11 major bowls and in bion (UCLA, California or Stanford).

•Cotton Bowl, Jan. 1: Southwest Conference champion (Texas A&M, Texas or Arkansas) R

Gator Bowl, Dec. 29: Florida vs. Maryland. •Fiesta Bowl, Dec. 26: Arizona State or Arizona vs. Oklahoma, or team to be deterate mined if Oklahoma earns Orange Bowl berth: Astro-Bluebonnett Bowl, Dec. 27: Colorado vs. Texas A&M or Texas.

Liberty Bowl, Dec. 22: Southern California vs. Arkansas or Texas A&M.

Sun Bowl, Dec. 26: Pitt. vs. Kansas-Missouri Winner and batteria - Charlow Peach Bowl, Dec. 31: North Carolina State vs. West Virginia. Noth a may who have it illust to

Tangerine Bowl, Dec. 20 - Miami of Ohio vs. opponent to be selected. All of the pato

Both Osborne and Coach Barry Switzer of Oklahoma had criticized Bryant: charging he was bypassing their teams in favor of Penn State ranked 11th. The Sugar Bowl, howevers denied Bryant had applied pressure to bypass the Big Eight powers.

'I recommended it and I want those young coaches out there to know it," Bryant said. "We have no apologies to make to anyone. When I was a young coach I popped off too. Let them go where they want to and to hell

with them.

TALKING POINTS FOR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MONDAY MORNING QUARTERBACK CLUB, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1975

1. John (Buchanan, Member of Congress), I'm very happy to
have this opportunity to talk with the Monday Morning Quarterback Club.

I thought all the Monday Morning Quarterbacks were in the Congress.

I'm glad Birmingham grows a little better variety— Although I have the same upward with Them while playing fulfield at his wife fall.

2. Frank (Bromberg, captain of the club), I want to express my

- appreciation to you and your fellow club members for inviting me to join you, at least by long distance. I understand there are both Crimson

 Tide fans and Tiger fans in the audience, so let me just say that the State of Alabama has two of the best football teams outside of Michigan.

 Source Ohio Nate.
- 3. Bob (Devaney, athletic director of Nebraska University),

 I'm still nursing my wounds from last Saturday's game between Michigan and Ohio State. I had a chance to watch part of that game -- I watched higan score 14 points and happened to be out of the room when Ohio State was scoring 21. I understand it was a long afternoon for the "Cornhuskers," too. (Nebraska lost to Oklahoma, 35-10,) It looks like my "Wolverines" are going to have their hands full with Oklahoma down in Miami on New Year's Day.

- 4. Bob, I want to wish you and head coach Tom Osborne and all the "Huskers" my very best. You played very well all season long.

 Nebraska is always tough. In fact, you have one of the best football teams outside the States of Michigan and Alabama. I wish we could have had a go at one another at the Orange Bowl.
- 5. I want to say a special word of commendation for the more serious work which the Monday Morning Quarterback Club is doing.

 I know you are very deeply involved in helping handicapped children, promoting research in heart disease, and other worthwhile projects.

 You are making a major contribution to the quality of life in your city and your State.

I commend you, and I thank you all for inviting me to talk with you today. It's been a pleasure.

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