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Committee for the Re-election of the President

MEMORANDUM

May 4, 1972

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE HONORABLE JOHN N. MITCHELL

FROM: ROBERT M. TEETER

SUBJECT: Connecticut Poll on Bombing, ITT, and Meany

Attached, please find the responses to questions involving the increased bombing of North Vietnam, the I.T.&T. controversy and George Meany. This data was collected along with a recent Connecticut newspaper poll by John Becker as a part of our arrangement with him. These responses will not be published.

The trial heat data will not be available until the first of next week, but I am advised that the President was run against Humphrey, McGovern, Muskie, and Kennedy. In each of these races the President leads. Less encouraging, however, his approval rating on the handling of Vietnam is significantly down from February. The Vietnam data will run in the Hartford Times on Sunday. The head to head data including demographics will be available early next week.

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By SD NARA, Date 12/31/09



Question: In your opinion, will the renewed U.S. bombing of North Vietnam help speed up the end of the war in Vietnam, will cause the war to last even longer than otherwise or don't you think the bombing will have much effect one way or the other on when the war ends?

Will help speed up end of war	27%
Will cause war to last even longer	19%
Won't have much effect one way or other	41%
Don't know/No opinion	13%

Question: When the leaders of the present national administration in Washington are making major decisions, how much importance do you think they attach to the opinions and feeling of people like yourself--a great deal of importance, a fair amount of importance, only a little importance or practically no importance at all?

Great deal of importance	7%
Fair amount of importance	34%
Only a Little importance	30%
Practically no importance	25%
Don't know, no opinion	4%

Question: Have you heard or read anything recently about a big company being accused of making a large political contribution while a federal anti-trust suit was being brought against that company?

Yes	75%
No	21%
Don't know	4%

Question: Would you please tell me the name of that company?

Named ITT	66%
Others named	2%
Don't know/No Opinion	7%

Question: As you may know, George Meany, President of the AFL-CIO, has recently quit the National Pay Board and said that President Nixon's economic policies discriminate against the working man and favor big business. President Nixon on the other hand, says that his economic policies treat everyone equally. Do you tend to agree with President Nixon or Mr. Meany?

Agree President Nixon	35%
Agree Mr. Meany	49%
Neither	5%
Don't know	11%

