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COMMITTEE FOR THE RE-ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

May 18, 1972

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE HONORABLE JOHN W. MITCHELL
FROM: ROBERT H. TEETER
SUBJECT: Vietna Ell Poll

Attached are the results of a survey I did for a private client on Vietnam. I will be going over it with him this weekend. He may be willing to fund some similar studies of this nature if we felt it would be helpful.

I have probed this individual that we would not use this data other than for our own internal use without clearing it with him first.

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Determined to be an Administrative Marking

By NARA, Date 12/3/09
Registered voters: 80%
Will register: 22
Will not register: 8

Most important problem facing the country:

- Vietnam/War: 70%
- Inflation/Cost of Living/Economy: 21
- Unemployment/jobs: 8
- Taxes: 6
- Crime: 7
- Racial problems: 6
- Drugs: 6
- Pollution/eco/ology/environment: 7
- General unrest/protests/demonstrations: 7
- All others: 23
- Not reported: 4

Feel things in country generally going in the right direction today or feel pretty seriously gotten off on wrong track:

- Right direction: 32%
- Wrong track: 55
- No opinion: 13

Approve/Disapprove way Nixon handling job as President:

- Approve: 60%
- Disapprove: 29
- No opinion: 11

Why? (Approve):

- War/Vietnam: 41%
- Something else: 62
- No opinion: 2

Why? (Disapprove):

- War/Vietnam: 48%
- Something else: 59
- No opinion: 0
Vietnam continued

National
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1,019 Interviews

Approve/Disapprove way the President is handling the
Vietnam situation:

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<th>Approve</th>
<th>55%</th>
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See or listen to the President's speech on Vietnam situation
last Monday night:

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<th>Yes</th>
<th>58%</th>
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<td>No</td>
<td>41</td>
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<td>Undecided</td>
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Personally support or oppose President's decision to mine
Haiphone and other North Vietnamese harbors?

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<th>Support</th>
<th>57%</th>
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<td>Oppose</td>
<td>23</td>
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Think that the President's offer withdraw all American troops
from Vietnam within four months of an internationally supervised
cease fire and after all U.S. prisoners of war are released is
fair and reasonable or should we make further offer:

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<th>Fair and reasonable</th>
<th>77%</th>
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<td>Further offer made</td>
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Several courses of action our government might follow in
dealing with problem — which one most favor:

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<th>Withdraw all troops regardless of N. Vietnamese actions</th>
<th>10%</th>
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<td>Withdraw all troops only after our prisoners of war have been released</td>
<td>52</td>
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<td>Continue as we are now</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>Use whatever air and naval power needed to stop the North Vietnamese offensive</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>Use whatever air and naval power is necessary including more U.S. troops to stop offensive</td>
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<td>No opinion</td>
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Mining of the North Vietnamese harbors and bombing will speed up end of war, delay end of war or not make any difference:

- Speed up end of war: 25%
- Delay end of war: 16%
- Not make any difference: 24%
- No opinion: 15%

Upset you or doesn't matter if Russians cancelled summit meeting:

- Upset: 41%
- No difference: 47%
- No opinion: 12%

Personally think war will or will not be over six months from now:

- Will: 19%
- Will not be over: 68%
- No opinion: 13%

Approve/Disapprove of statements and responses about Vietnam made by Democratic candidates for Presidency:

- Approve: 20%
- Disapprove: 44%
- No opinion: 36%

Under current circumstances in Vietnam all public officials should or should not support the President:

- Should: 74%
- Should not: 17%
- No opinion: 9%

Agree/Disagree with people who have publicly demonstrated opposition to President's decision to mine harbors:

- Agree: 22%
- Disagree: 69%
- No opinion: 9%

Those demonstrating against the President's actions in Vietnam should or should not be allowed to continue:

- Should: 42%
- Should not: 49%
- No opinion: 9%
Trial Heats:

Nixon 44%
Humphrey 28
Wallace 15
Undecided

Nixon 41%
Kennedy 34
Wallace 12
Undecided 13

Nixon 42%
McGovern 28
Wallace 15
Undecided 15

Past Voting:

Straight Democratic 19%
Mostly Democratic 13
A few more Democrats than Republicans 4
About equally for both parties 21
A few more Republicans than Democrats 4
Mostly Republican 11
Straight Republican 6
Don't know 22