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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 10, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

BOB ORBEN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEC*

The attached newspaper clipping was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

"Any humor possibilities?"

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

THE PRESIDENT HAS SWEN....

## Pr-s-d-nt--l sex

Recently published material on the sex lives of Thomas Jefferson and John F. Kennedy has prompted many questions about sex and the Presidency. Because of the new public demand for lubricious political disclosure, it is now vital to answer them with full candor. Here are the answers to the questions Americans most commonly ask:

**Q:** Is it true that President Zachary Taylor liked to be spanked by older women?

**A:** This is a base canard, which arises from the fact that President Taylor was known as "Old Rough and Ready." Actually, Taylor abhorred spanking, as well as French postcards.

**Q:** Wasn't George Washington once treated for an Oedipus complex?

**A:** Yes, but it was accidental. Washington had gone to have his dental plate adjusted and was inadvertently shown into a psychiatrist's office and told to lie on the couch. The doctor began by asking, "How long have you had these feelings about your mother?" Washington was so embarrassed by the hour which followed that he never went to the dentist again. This is why George Washington's false teeth still didn't fit when Gilbert Stuart painted him.

**Q:** I have always heard that Rutherford B. Hayes wore shiny black leather underwear throughout his Presidency. Is this true?

**A:** Anyone who knows how hot it gets in Washington in July will realize that this is nonsense. President Hayes, in fact, was an exceedingly prudish President, who blushed when he had to go into a haberdashery and ask to see some long woolen union suits.

**Q:** Wasn't Abraham Lincoln a foot fetishist?

**A:** During his career in Illinois politics, Lincoln liked to have women members of the Legislature step on his corns, but he had conquered this vice by the time he became President.

**Q:** Who was the famous "horse-faced woman" who was brought into the White House nights during the Grant Administration and led out shortly before dawn through secret underground passages?

**A:** President Grant's famous "horse-faced woman" was not a woman at all, but a horse cleverly got up to look like a woman. Grant devised this scheme to deceive journalists into believing that he was leading a colorful sex life, thus preventing them from discovering that the horse's saddle bags were being used to carry whisky into the White House and empties out.

**Q:** Has there ever been a transvestite in the Oval Office?

**A:** We cannot be certain, although thousands of Congressmen have visited there.

**Q:** How do men as busy as Presidents find so much time for adultery?

**A:** They don't. This is a common complaint among women summoned to the White House for adultery. They are kept waiting for hours and then squeezed in between the Secretary of Commerce and lunch at the desk. If war breaks out, they may be left forgotten in secret antechambers for months. The great amount of time available to Vice Presidents for adultery has always been bitterly envied by Presidents, and is a major source of so much of the bad feeling traditional between the two offices.

**Q:** Is it true that Martin Van Buren was a very poor lover?

**A:** President Van Buren felt

the cold more acutely than most men. For this reason, he went to bed every night with two huge hot-water bottles, one on either side of him. These made it difficult to effect intimacies and led to rumors that he was a hard man to get close to. Van Buren's sex life gradually dwindled down to nothing, and he was not elected to a second term.

**Q:** How often should the ideal President have sexual relations?

**A:** Never. It is painful for parents to concede that their children have sexual relations and even more painful for children to concede that their parents have sexual relations, but the most painful thing of all is for the American people to concede that their Presidents have sexual relations. Ideal Presidents don't.

**Q:** What is the legal position of Presidents who entertain women from the Mafia?

**A:** They are violating the Constitution, which demands absolute separation of church and state.

**Q:** I have heard that President William Henry Harrison's nickname—"Old Tippecanoe"—actually derives from a particularly flamboyant and disgusting sexual practice in which he frequently indulged. What was this?

**A:** The limitations of family-paper journalism preclude an answer to this question here, but it will be fully described in my forthcoming book, "Inside the White House Drawers," which will be even more incredible than "Jaws," and, I hope, twice as successful.

**Q:** Was President Madison a regular subscriber to Playboy?

**A:** No. Penthouse. In his earlier days, however, his reading of "The Playboy Philosophy" shaped the ideals he expounded in "The Federalist Papers." ■

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