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COMMITTEE FOR THE RE-ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE HONORABLE CLARK MAC GREGOR

SUBJECT:

FROM:

West Virginia

ROBERT M. TEETER

In 1968 the President got 41%, Humphrey 50% and Wallace 9% in West Virginia. The normal Republican vote in West Virginia is only 44%.

The President came close to or exceeded the normal Republican vote in the three largest counties (Kanawha, Cabell, Wood) but fell far behind it in the rest of the state. He did particularly poorly in Wheeling. West Virginia has no Republican Congressman and the Republican percent of the vote has been declining every two years since 1964.

1	Nixon	1968 Humphrey	Wallace		overnor Sprouse	Average Rep. Vote
West Virgini	a. 41	50	9	51	49	
Kanawha Co. (Charleston)	42	48	12	. 52.	48	45
Cabell Co. (Huntington)	45	44	11	49	51	·44
Wood Co. (Parkersburg	52	39	9	56	44	50
Ohio Co. (Wheeling)	43	50 ·	7.	66	34	61

We have done one telephone poll and the results give the President a large lead, show the Moore-Rockefeller race to be close, and Senator Randolph an easy winner.

10/16 - 1701	Moore	Rockefeller	Undecided.	
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10/16 - 1701	Randolph	Leonard	<u>Undecided</u> 14
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•	Nixon	McGovern	Undecided
Wheeling .	· 67 · ·	• 23	. 10
Charleston	57	32	11
Rest of State	67	23	10

The President is running almost even (41-43) with McGovern with Democrats and is doing particularly well with young voters in West Virginia.

Moore is doing poorly with middle income (\$5-10,000) middle-aged (45-54) voters, and in the Charleston area.

Clearly, Moore needs closer identification with the President's campaign. Rockefeller is conducting an aggressive campaign, attacking only Moore, and being very careful not to attack the President.

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