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Eagleton Declines To Do Radio Spot

Associated Press

Sen. Thomas Eagleton has been unable to meet a request that he record a 60-second radio spot for the presidential candidacy of George McGovern.

Staff members for both senators deny the incident is a sign of any feuding among them since Eagleton, under urging from McGovern, resigned as the Democratic vice-presidential candidate.

Eagleton press aide Michael Kelley quoted Eagleton's administrative assistant, Douglas Bennett, as replying there were technical objections and questions on the effectiveness of the proposed format.

Bennett, according to Kelley, is still waiting for a member of McGovern's staff to call back with suggestions on improving the broadcast.

Susan Davis, a member of the communications staff of Lawrence F. O'Brien, McGovern campaign coordina-

tor, said she was the person who called Bennett.

She quoted Bennett as saying Eagleton's travel schedule would prevent him from taping the broadcast.

"They weren't very cooperative," she said in a phone interview.

Further complicating relations between the McGovern and Eagleton staffs are handwritten notation on newspaper article sent to Bennett to Miss Davis' boss John Stewart, described by Kelley as an old friend of Bennett's.

The article from a Detroit newspaper quoted McGovern sources as saying there were unpublished complications to Eagleton's health beyond the nervous exhaustion which led to McGovern's request that he step aside.

On the article Bennett inscribed the comments "This isn't making things any better," Miss Davis said.