

Haldeman Blacklisted GOP Senators

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In addition to the lists of "enemies," the White House also kept a secret blacklist of Republican senators who displeased President Nixon.

This was no mere informational list, according to White House sources, but an "action" list of Republican recalcitrants to be punished. Those on the list were subjected to retaliation, which ranged from petty humiliations to political reprisals.

"We called it the s-t list," said one source. "I knew sooner or later somebody was going to find out about it. Some of us privately opposed it."

The list was drawn up by staff chief H.R. Haldeman who circulated it by hand to his top aides, with orders that they copy it in their own handwriting rather than Xerox it.

On the list at various times since 1969 were Senators Jacob Javits, N.Y.; Mark Hatfield, Ore.; Clifford Case, N.J.; Charles (Mac) Mathias, Md.;

Richard Schweiker, Pa.; Charles Percy, Ill.; Lowell Weiker, Conn.; and former Sen. Charles Goodell, N.Y.

In trying to recall the names, our sources said they thought they also remembered Senators William Packwood, Ore.; William Saxbe, Ohio; and James Pearson, Kans. The sources were struck that Massachusetts Sen. Edward Brooke, who often strayed from the Nixon line, was never put on the list.

"He never made it for the obvious reason," said our sources. Brooke is the Senate's only black member, and the White House didn't want to alienate him.

The senators who were listed were supposed to be denied all the White House perquisites, or "perks" as they were called by the President's aides. For example, those on the list were generally barred from White House dinners and other state functions. They were cut off from campaign assistance and patronage jobs. They couldn't always arrange special White House tours for their constituents, a traditional White House courtesy

extended to members of Congress.

The blacklist was updated every three to five months. Names were added and removed, depending upon the political behavior of the senator on the GOP side. But usually, the list contained from six to twelve names.

On the days the list was updated, it stirred whispered gossip among the insiders who knew about it. "We compared notes on what one another were doing to people on the list," said a source.

While none of the senators apparently was aware of the formal list, which was sent around without even a heading on it, some felt its whip-lash effect.

Goodell, for example, told my associate Les Whitten that he was systematically snubbed, and was denied White House invitations and patronage after he began taking exception to White House policies. "I couldn't even get any decent communication with them," he said.

Asked why no similar list was kept of House members,

our sources said: "There were just too many of them to keep track of their voting. We had to play the House by ear."

Footnote: Efforts to reach Haldeman for comment through his lawyers were unsuccessful.