Nixon Enemy List Reveals Paranoia

By Jack Anderson

Getting on the White House enemy list has become the latest status symbol in Washington. I would have been disappointed if I hadn't made the House source as saying Halde- the college expenses of two garding 'some of the tranlist of top 20 enemies.

Rival politicians like Senators Ed Muskie and George McGovern used to be called opponents, not enemies. Celeb that, "the word was passed to each evening for a crippled at White House leadership Bill Cosby, who have criticized to make a case against us." President Nixon, used to be called critics not enemies.

them as "enemies" to be har-lever, refused to indict him, vestigations. Few private indi-was forced to drop viduals can stand up against charges. the awesome power of the federal government. No private man Ron Ziegler, with an un-it." bank account can match the usual show of emotion, debottomless vaults of the U.S. scribed as "wrong! wrong! Treasury. No private staff can wrong!" my charge that Halde-access to unauthorized infor-

ing to the memos flushed out House portray the true attiby the Senate Watergate in-tude of the men formerly vestigation, was determined to around President Nixon. use this government power to "get" or "screw" political op-how I wound up on the White ponents.

Haldeman as the White House saying, "I damn well will not not from within the White culated hostility towards the come President." press," and quoted a White man "has an absolutely evil attitude relative to the press."

rities like Gregory Peck and the Justice Department to try This led to the abortive arrest Now the White House lists A federal grand jury, howassed through government in and the Justice Department passe over disarmament by

Now the enemy lists and ugly

It is also worth examining House enemy list. A review of I became aware months ago my columns shows I wrote in the open. "The word has Illinois, Missouri, and Texas in circulated on an agency level. gone out from the White the 1960 election. Yet he House," I wrote on February turned down partisan appeals examination of a Presidential 7, "to 'nail' Jack Anderson." that he use the evidence to quote in context indicates that he use the evidence to quote in context indicates logical paranoia.

I told how he had paid all classmate to help him up the meetings . . . " stairs of their boarding house.

of my associate Les Whitten. to the Moscow summit meeting with Mr. Nixon, I wrote making the ability of the Anhow he had broken the imthe leaning forward and telling difficult and hazardous." Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev White House press spokes bluntly: "Dammit, let's settle able, however, to find my

marshal the manpower availa- man was trying to nail us. mation embarrassing to the the India-Pakistan Nixon administration. In early Yet the White House accord- memos out of the White 1971, the White House analyzed my columns carefully linked a \$400,000 offer from for three months.

A confidential report to Haldeman "Anderson does, indeed, have access to intelligence digests, and he proves it on a daily balenemy of the White House. Althat the White House was dozens of favorable stories sis. It also appears his referseeking to discredit and, if about President Nixon. I re- ence to private Presidential criticized the President wound possible, to destroy me. I de-ported, for example, that he memoranda is valid, but most up on the enemy list. cided finally that the best de- had evidence the Democrats likely when such material fense was to lay out the facts had stuffed the ballot boxes in leaves the White House and is

"On more than one occasion, I named staff chief H. R. overturn the election results, strongly that the leak came

official behind the move. I de- be a party to creating (a con- House, but from the agency scribed Haldeman's "cold, cal- stitutional crisis) just to be- concerned with the subject matter.

"Anderson's comment reblack students without their scripts of confidential minknowledge, how as a college utes' possibly refers to verba-More specifically, I wrote student himself he had waited tim quotes of comments made

It was suggested that, "an overt firing of a person di-From sources who had gone rectly connected with a leak would go a long way towards dersons of the world to gain White House information both

The White House was unsources. Instead, I wrote even What landed me on the en-more embarrassing stories emy list, apparently, was my about how President Nixon had lied to the public about conflict Then I published the Dita Beard memorandum, which International Telephone and Telegraph with the settlement acknowledged: of its antitrust troubles.

These were the crimes, apparently, which made me an most every public figure who

But the existence of the enemy list is revealing, most of all, about the people in the White House. It shows they were suffering from a patho-

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