McCloskey Is No Worry to Nixon Aide

By George Murphy

San Mateo Congressman Paul McCloskey, who has threatened to oppose President Nixon in the Republican primaries next year, "appears to be the only candidate out to draft himself," Mr. Nixon's director of communications said here yesterday.

Herbert G. Klein told a St. Francis Hotel press conference that the White House "does not consider" McCloskey to be a serious challenge

to the President.

"I see no evisence of Republican leaders rushing to his support," Klein aaid.

Klein was in San Francisco en route to a speaking engagement in Southern California.

AS to Mr. Nixon's plans, Klein smiled and said that "speaking personally, I plan to be working for the reelection foa Republican President next year."

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He also feels that Vice President Skpiro Agnew "will be doing the same thing," and will be the vice presidential nominee.

Asked if Treasury Secretary John Conally, a Democrat currently mentioned as a possible running mate with Mr. Nixon in 1972, might be on the second spot on the ticket, Klein, referring to his Agnew statement, replied: "There isn't room for two of them (as vice president)."

Klein said he noted "growing support" among the American people for Mr. Nixon's Vietnam policy and his domestic programs for revenue-sharing, welfare reform and reorganization of the executive branch.

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Asked about a Gallup Poll showing Mr. Nixon being approved by just 50 per cent of the people, Klein said: "Fifty per cent is a good level and that will increase through the Fall."

Klein, a former San Diego nesspaper editor, said he feels that "overall" the American press is doing a good job of reporting the Indochina war.

But he said a "majority of our troops over there are doing such things as . . . helping (Vietnamese) villagers.

"I think we could use more reporting of the type Ernie Pyle did in World War II."

Ktein was asked if he knew whether Mr. Nixon — a legal resident of California — paid any state incomet tax for 1970.

"I really couldn't answer that," Klein replied with a grin. "I'm not an accountant."