

'Acts of Violence'

Nixon Workers Told to Beware

Washington

President Nixon's campaign director told his organization yesterday to "constantly guard against potential acts of violence," saying there has been an outbreak of such incidents and blaming some on supporters of Democratic presidential nominee George McGovern.

A four-page memorandum from Clark MacGregor, addressed to state chairmen and campaign workers of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, declared:

"I strongly urge, once again, that you employ all security measures necessary to protect the personnel working at your offices."

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The memo, titled "Violence directed at the Nixon campaign," was issued as a news release in an evident effort to offset charges by the McGovern camp and by Senator Edmund S. Muskie that their campaigns were beset with apparent espionage and sabotage at the hands of Republicans.

MacGregor said if McGovern "would join us in a constructive and positive way,

opposing any break of the peace, any effort to promote violence," it would go a long way toward protecting the campaign from physical trouble, and permitting the candidates to debate issues rationally and calmly.

A McGovern spokesman said the Democratic nominee always has been in favor of that.

"The question is whether the Republicans will recall their political provocateurs," said Kirby Jones, spokesman for McGovern's organization.

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Jones said MacGregor's suggestion was strange coming from the Republican organization.

"It's sort of like Al Capone asking the innocent citizens, 'Let's you and I get together and we'll stop crime,'" Jones said.

MacGregor listed a series of incidents at Nixon campaign headquarters in cities across the nation.

He cited a welfare rights demonstration at the Washington headquarters of Democrats for Nixon Thursday, and said that on October 8, a firebomb was found propped against the door of a campaign headquarters in New-

hall, Calif., "in a manner calculated to ignite it under the feet of whomever opened the door."

"Luckily, the device was discovered before it went off," the MacGregor memo said.

"These two very recent incidents, added to a lengthy list of others, make it quite clear that our facilities and our staffs must constantly guard against potential acts of violence," MacGregor said.

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