

More Haldeman Memos Revealed

Washington

A year's worth of confidential memos show the extent to which H. R. Haldeman was relied on for 1972 presidential campaign decisions ranging from major to minute. He issued orders with a harsh schoolmaster's touch.

"Terrible," he would write. "Ridiculous." "Baloney."

And sometimes: "Good job." "Well done."

The scrawled comments of President Nixon's chief of staff appear on 21 political memorandums sent to him by Gordon Strachan, his liaison with the Nixon re-election committee.

The memos were obtained by the House Judiciary Committee for its impeachment inquiry. The committee voted yesterday not to release the full collection of Strachan memos, although eight were published recently with other impeachment evidence.

Copies of the unpublished 13 were obtained by the Associated Press.

The documents have been cited by committee counsel John Doar as illustrating how Haldeman's influence penetrated every level of campaign decisions. Doar said other testimony shows Haldeman, in turn, cleared all key decisions with the President.

The first of the memos, dated Aug. 13, 1971, informed Haldeman that "pursuant to your request" a White House group met "and developed our oral recommendations for political intelligence and covert activities."

Even the memos written a year before the election show how Attorney General John N. Mitchell and Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans were involved in the campaign and fundraising—long before they quit their cabinet posts.

"The attorney general will contact the IRS about the tax exempt status of the National Movement for the Student Vote, which opposes the President," Strachan wrote August 13. A month later he cited a Stans meeting "to review the current campaign finance situation."

On May 16, 1972, Haldeman was informed that George E. Champion, the Republican finance chairman in Florida, was "having trouble raising money in Florida because they claim to be giving through Bebe."

Haldeman said Stans should explain the then-new campaign finance law to Mr. Nixon's friend, Charles G. (Bebe) Rebozo. Rebozo has frequently claimed he never acted as a fund-raiser for the President.