

'Destroy Some Tapes' Memo Reported

Washington

Patrick Buchanan, a White House speechwriter, once urged President Nixon to destroy some of his tape recordings lest they fall into the hands of "unscrupulous or malevolent or hostile critics," the Cox newspapers Washington bureau said yesterday.

The story included an "administratively confidential" memo sent by Buchanan to Mr. Nixon July 25, 1973, which in blunt terms laid out a possible strategy for Mr. Nixon to use against then-Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox.

Buchanan's memo dealt, the story said, with a politi-

cal offensive against liberal critics and Cox — "a known Nixon-hater." Buchanan reportedly recommended that Mr. Nixon discharge Cox three months before the prosecutor actually was fired.

"Our adversaries do not simply wish to show Nixon 'involvement,' they wish to castrate the President, to strangle the new majority in its crib, to reverse the Democratic verdict at the polls in November," Buchanan told Mr. Nixon in the story.

The story also said that an unidentified White House aide urged Mr. Nixon to destroy the tapes even before Alexander Butterfield re-

vealed their existence one year ago to the Senat Watergate committee.

One White House official quoted in the dispatch said,

"We knew it was a matter of time" before investigators would find out about the tapes.

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