

Huckster Haldeman calls shots in Nixon campaign

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[White House "chief of staff" H.R.] Haldeman likes to operate behind a screen. But on occasion, he has ventured forth into political combat. In the turbulent days following the death of Mary Jo Kopechne in Senator Ted Kennedy's automobile, Haldeman was on the telephone to key reporters, urging them to keep the pressure on Kennedy.

At that time, Kennedy appeared to be the most likely Democrat to challenge President Nixon in 1972.

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