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7/2 I did take the McGovern ABC appearance, but I don't think it is worth your time to listen to it. There was not enough on it, nothing the papers should miss. He maintained a position that strikes me as rather decent on the threat to walk out, and I have a hunch that if the steal is pulled, whether or not he does, much of his support will. In the agngup on him I think some things have not gotten attention, and that is the possibility that others, like HHH, may not be able to hold their delegates as he exposes himself more and more. Some of his young, who are less dedicated than McG's and more, his blacks, when they finally tumble to what I'm certain is fixed, Wallace as v.p. There will be few blacks who, after that, could support a Wallace ticket and maintain any home base. I don't think anybody except functionaries and machine people are really worried about the loss of the bosses, such as Daley. These haven't too much choice anyway. They can't elect their own people and Nixon too. They can discourage McG votes, but in doing that they also discourage some of their own. It may be wishfull thinking, but I do think that in places like Chicago, if McG is the candidate and Daley dumps, there will be an appreciable percentage of the voters who will vote for McG alone and not for Daley's people. He needs reformist support, for the Hanrahan candidacy is going to cost him votes nobody is talking about. There is a difference about the McG candidacy I have not seen in the papers: he can't control his people. He may try, and sometimes he must, but his is a reformist following, a following bent on change, and they won't just take orders if it is against their beliefs. He has said as much. So, this is going to be an interesting thing and not necessarily like the other conventions, where early votes on some issues become clear forecasts. There are too many uncontrolable forces and issues and too little boss representation. On the threat, what he said is that the question will not come up, that the convention will support him in Calif and there will not be this crookedness, so no issue. It is here that he suggested he can't control his people, a good place to plant the idea to the pols who want votes in local elections. It is only the reactionaries who are against him heading the ticket, and this is one of the better reasons for it, it whip them. If there is no change this time, we have rough days ahead. I don't think there will be the patience to await another election the way the country is going. H

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