MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DAWSON:

Subject: Continuing the Counter-Offensive against McCarthy.

This last week a group of Senators raised certain questions which challenged the veracity and motives of Senator McCarthy. It was made quite evident in the course of the discussion on the floor of the Senate that McCarthy had made a speech at Wheeling, West Virginia on February ninth in which he stated that he held a list of 205 Communists who were known to the Secretary of State but who were nevertheless still employed by the State Department.

It was also brought out that McCarthy had deceived the Senate by lying as to what he had actually said at Wheeling in this connection. Indeed, McCarthy finally declined to answer questions as to what he said at Wheeling and stated that the Senate should not play such a silly numbers game.

Since that time, McCarthy has not referred to this discussion, rather he has followed his usual tactics of getting into something new, possibly in order to take the heat off himself. However, it seems extremely advisable to press this point and to make it unmistakably clear to the American people: (a) that McCarthy lied to the Senate with reference to his Wheeling speech (b) committed a fraud on the American people by telling them that loyal State Department employees had furnished him information about 81 Communists in the State Department when actually all he did was dig up some old cases previously considered by four Congressional committees. It is suggested that this attack on McCarthy's truthfulness be conducted to the fullest extent in order that the Senate and the people of the United States be made to understand not only that McCarthy has lied but also that he perpetrated a colossal hoax.

It is interesting to note that neither McCarthy nor any of his supporters has ever tried to answer the charges of lying made by Senators Lucas, Kilgore and Healy. This being the case, this seems like an extremely desirable time to renew the attack on McCarthy with all possible vigor.
Over the week-end Senator McCarthy pursued his customary tactic of
defending himself against refutations by launching new charges. Thus,
at Chicago, he accused the President of "fraud" in authorizing the
examination of 81 State Department loyalty files. He charged that the
files were "phony" and "tampered with". After announcing to the Press
that he would in his week-end public speeches deal with the matters
brought forth on the House floor by Representatives Harriman and Mooney
and with the matters developed on the Senate floor by Senators Leamy,
Nealy, Kilgore and others, he made no mention as to these in his week-end
speeches. In view of the salutary nature of the House and Senate
discussions, it would appear essential that Senator McCarthy be called to
account on the Senate floor for his failure to reply. The essence of
the matters developed on the Senate floor is that Senator McCarthy
practiced fraud on the Senate on February 20, 1950 in obtaining S. Res.
271 on February 22. He in effect replied by charging President Truman
with fraud.

It would appear essential that one of the Senators involved in last
week's discussion call Senator McCarthy to account this week on the
following score:

1. That by saying that President Truman had practiced fraud in con-
nection with the 81 files Senator McCarthy has not answered the clear
implications of fraud practiced by him as developed in Congress in the
last week.

2. That although Senator Byrney called Senator Leamy to account for
violating the rules of the Senate, there are infinitely more serious
violations of the rules of the Senate committed by Senator McCarthy. In
addition to fraud practiced on the Senate on February 20, Senator
McCarthy has disrupted the orderly processes of the Senate by utilizing
the Senate floor to impede a Senatorial investigation. When the Subcom-
nitee was determined to hear evidence in executive session, Senator
McCarthy has attacked the bona fides of the Subcommittee by revealing
executive session testimony openly on the Senate floor; by falsely describ-
ing the nature of the testimony before it has been given and by otherwise
disrupting the operations of the Committee.

A Senator, either Senator Nealy, Senator Kilgore or Senator Leamy,
should this week review last week's revelations on the floor of the
Senate and the House; should refer to Senator McCarthy's failure to answer;
should review other violations of Senatorial propriety by Senator
McCarthy; and should indicate that this type of behavior warrants disci-
plinary action by the Senate either by way of censure or by expulsion.