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MEMORANDUM FOR: Bill Avirett.

First off, many thanks for your kind plugging for me with my boss, Tom Riegel, and for the "welcome mat" offer.

Thought the attached photo and story might "go" for your department for more reasons than that it prominently features Fred Vinson, Jr., the Chief Justice's son, who seems to be a family renegade as a "Republican".

We believe the W&L mock convention is best of all, although I'm the first to admit we are not noted for objective approach to such matters. LIFE mag has already begun its coverage, based on the data contained in the next to last graf of the attached story. A couple of news reels and some papers, including the Washington STAR, are also joining us. How about coming down to "staff" the event? I believe you'd enjoy it and surely we would enjoy the added prestige of Herald Tribune interest.

Sorry this material wasn't available earlier in the week. The photo is exclusive to you in N.Y.C., unless AP's mat service is lots faster than I think it is.

Best regards,

Lea Booth