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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dick Cheney

1/15/76 I talked
with Robert (Bud) Humphrey
& asked him to be PFC
Fund Raising Ch. in Northern
Ohio.

Said he wanted to thank it
over for a day or so. Said he
had some problem with State GDP
because he had gotten Dave Fugels
Jr. to handle that job. I don't
understand problem but he says there is.
Might ask Sam Lyman.

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INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

To Stu Spencer

Date January 21, 1976

From: Keith McNamara

For your information.

SEND TO CHANEY



Fifth District GOP Is Holding Off On Endorsing Ford

To Wait At Least Until N.H. Vote; Latta Says President In Trouble With Farmers And Conservatives

By TOM REYNDERS
Blade Staff Writer

Party leaders in the Fifth Congressional District, traditionally regarded as the most Republican of the state's 23 districts, will withhold an endorsement of President Ford until after the Feb. 24 New Hampshire primary — and perhaps longer.

U.S. Rep. Delbert L. Latta (R., Bowling Green), a close friend of the President, said Mr. Ford is in trouble with conservatives and farmers in the Fifth District. He said that he cannot rule out the possibility of an endorsement of Ronald Reagan by the district's GOP leadership.

In an interview, Mr. Latta, whose district embraces all of nine counties and parts of three, including southwestern Lucas County — said that the district's GOP leaders "have adopted a wait-and-see attitude."

'We Are Waiting'

Leading Republicans in the district will await the first test of strength between Mr. Ford and the former California governor in New Hampshire's primary and may delay a decision on whom to back until after Florida's March 9 primary, the congressman said.

The 12 GOP county chairmen and Mr. Latta eventually will decide who will be delegates, and which presidential candidates they will back, the congressman said.

"We are waiting to see what happens. The same thing is happening all over Ohio and around the country," he said in a reference to doubts about President Ford.

Mr. Latta disclosed that members of Congress have been urged by White House liaison representatives to line up with the President by announcing they will be Ford delegates to the national convention. But to date, Mr. Latta said, none of Ohio's 15 GOP congressman has committed himself.

"I haven't made a decision myself," Mr. Latta confessed. "I am going to wait and see what happens if Jerry loses New Hampshire and Florida, and if he does, whether he withdraws from the race."

It was with regret that Mr. Latta reported that President Ford is in trouble in the Republican Fifth District.

Needs Earl Butz

"We have a lot of conservatives in northwestern Ohio," the congressman noted, "and as I get around my district I find a lot of people are for Reagan. Ford has to turn around the farm vote if he is to win. If he doesn't reclaim the farm vote he can't win — and the only guy who can do it for

him is Earl Butz (secretary of agriculture), and even he will have trouble doing it."

The temporary presidential embargo on grain exports alienated farmers, Mr. Latta said, because it depressed prices. "It was a tremendous mistake."

He said other voters in his district "mention Ford's indecisiveness, his reversing his stand — like on helping New York City."

Shortly before the present congressional recess began, Mr. Latta tarried after a White House conference for a private word with his old congressional colleague. He said he drew President Ford aside and bluntly warned him he was in trouble with respect to the farm vote and that dropping Mr. Butz from the cabinet would be fatal to the Ford political future.

An uncompromising conservative, Mr. Latta said the decision of Vice President Rockefeller, a moderate, to step aside as a vice presidential running-mate was a blow to the Ford campaign.

"Rockefeller is a very able guy," Mr. Latta commented. "He appeals to the more liberal part of the population, and we have to have some liberal support to elect a president. Rockefeller's withdrawal without question hurt the President. We have to have liberal support. We can't have two conservatives on the ticket."

'Tremendous Advantage'

Over the years Mr. Latta had Congressman Ford into the Fifth District as a speaker several times.

"Hopefully President Ford will be able to turn things around; he has a tremendous advantage in being President. The prospects of electing Ford are better than electing Reagan. Jerry is a friend of mine, so I hope he will be elected. But, he is getting bad advice from those around him.

Mr. Latta's sprawling district includes Waterville, Springfield, Harding, and Monclova townships in Lucas County; all of Wood County except part of the city of Fostoria and all of Seneca County except part of the city of Fostoria and the townships of Big Springs and Seneca. Also it includes all of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Van Wert, and Williams counties.



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WASHINGTON

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Dick Cheney

Talked with former Senator
& Gov. Frank Lausche
Ohio. Said he had promised
to stay out of all Primaries but
would reconsider & let me
know by Wed.

He could be very helpful
then S. knows I was going to
call him so let S. know
his reaction.

June 1, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: FOSTER CHANOCK

FROM: DICK CHENEY

Attached is a poll from the Columbus Dispatch in Ohio which shows the President doing better than Reagan against all comers.

That ought to be factored into the paper you're working on.

Attachment

[Original in folder "Polling"]



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WASHINGTON

Dick Cheney

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	Ford	Jackson
If Ford faces Jackson in November, for whom will you vote?	83	35
	Reagan	Jackson
If Reagan faces Jackson in November, for whom will you vote?	75	42
	Ford	Church
If Ford faces Church in November, for whom will you vote?	77	44
	Reagan	Church
If Reagan faces Church in November, for whom will you vote?	72	47
	Ford	Wallace
If Ford faces Wallace in November, for whom will you vote?	91	27
	Reagan	Wallace
If Reagan faces Wallace in November, for whom will you vote?	91	26
	Ford	Udall
If Ford faces Udall in November, for whom will you vote?	78	42
	Reagan	Udall
If Reagan faces Udall in November, for whom will you vote?	75	46
	YES	NO
Should the governor and lieutenant governor be elected as a team?	71	49
Do you approve of the way Rhodes is handling his job?	71	49
Do you approve of the way your legislators are handling their jobs?	36	63

DEMOCRATS

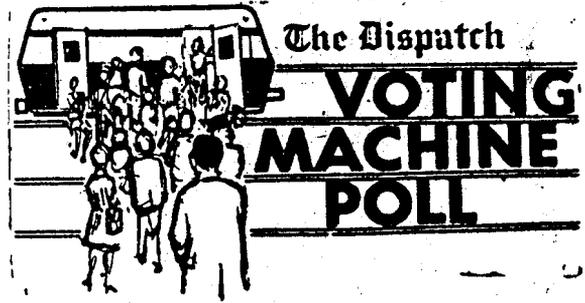
REPUBLICANS

Whom should your party nominate for president?	Whom should your party nominate for president?
Edmund Brown Jr. ... 9	Gerald Ford 28
Jimmy Carter 18	Ronald Reagan 24
Frank Church 5	Whom should your party nominate for vice president?
John Glenn 0	Howard Baker 6
Fred Harris 0	Christopher Bond ... 0
Hubert Humphrey .. 10	John Connally 17
Henry Jackson 0	Melvin Laird 4
Edward Kennedy 1	Charles Percy 4
Edmund Muskie 2	Ronald Reagan 12
Morris Udall 2	Elliot Richardson ... 6
George Wallace 3	Donald Rumsfeld ... 0

INDEPENDENTS

Whom should your party nominate for U.S. senator?	Whom should the Democrats nominate for president?
Richard Kay 1	Edmund Brown Jr. ... 7
H. Metzenbaum 21	Jimmy Carter 12
James Nolan 1	Frank Church 1
James Stanton 13	John Glenn 1
	Fred Harris 3
If these candidates seek delegates in the June 8 Ohio primary, for whom will you vote?	Hubert Humphrey ... 1
Jimmy Carter 22	Henry Jackson 0
Frank Church 5	Edward Kennedy 1
Gertrude Donahey .. 2	Edmund Muskie 0
Henry Jackson 3	Morris Udall 0
Morris Udall 11	George Wallace 3
George Wallace 4	Whom should the Republicans nominate for president?
	Gerald Ford 18
	Ronald Reagan 10





Wallace Chances Figured Slightest

Alabama Gov. George Wallace is the least favored of six Democratic presidential candidates, a Dispatch Voting Machine Poll pairing of Wallace with President Ford and Republican challenger Ronald Reagan shows.

After two days of a four-day poll at the Beechmont Mall in Cincinnati, Wallace had received 27 votes to 91 for Ford and 26 votes to 91 for Reagan. The other five Democratic candidates were more successful in the pairings. Complete results follow.

	Ford	Carter
If Ford faces Carter in November, for whom will you vote?	67	55
	Reagan	Carter
If Reagan faces Carter in November, for whom will you vote?	59	61
	Ford	Humphrey
If Ford faces Humphrey in November, for whom will you vote?	79	43
	Reagan	Humphrey
If Reagan faces Humphrey in November, for whom will you vote?	74	50
	Ford	Jackson
If Ford faces Jackson in November, for whom will you vote?	83	35
	Reagan	Jackson
If Reagan faces Jackson in November, for whom will you vote?	75	42
	Ford	Church
If Ford faces Church in November, for whom will you vote?	77	44
	Reagan	Church
If Reagan faces Church in November, for whom will you vote?	72	47
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If Ford faces Udall in November, for whom will you vote?	78	42
	Reagan	Udall
If Reagan faces Udall in No-		



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 3, 1976

HILLY:

This letter from Frank Lausche ought to go in our political file.

RBC



June 2, 1974

Dear Mr. President:

With less than one week left in the Presidential primary, I am writing today to offer you my support in Ohio on June 8th.

As you know, although I have officially been a member of the Democratic Party, I have always tried to follow a course I believe was right regardless of its political affiliation. After careful consideration, I have concluded that the interests of our country would best be served by your nomination.

In my view, you have been decisive and courageous in your fight to keep congressional spending and resulting taxes down. Your policies have avoided what might have been a ruinous inflationary spiral.

Your conduct on foreign policy has maintained for the people of the United States the national dignity and international respect which our country deserves. You have fought for a strong military posture to insure a strength capable of coping with the Soviet threat while at the same time working for peaceful goals.

I would add that you have demonstrated great freedom and independence from interest group pressure. Your actions have restored the trust and confidence of the American people in the Presidency. You have consistently decided the difficult issues with only the national interest in mind and have shown yourself the type of statesman that warrants nomination today.

Let me close by wishing you the very best success in Ohio.

Yours,

Frank Rausche

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

