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BACKGROUND MATERIAL FROM CONGRESSMAN JIM COLLINS  
FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S  
TRIP TO TEXAS

OK  
[April 1976?]

1. Defense
2. Oil and gas deregulation. Don't mention the fact that he did not veto the oil bill. Go heavy on deregulation of gas work.  
  
He should mention that 90% of the Republicans voted correctly and only 22% of the Democrats.
3. Talk about vetos. The ones he has made so far are very popular in Texas.
4. Busing is really a big item. Ford was the first northern congressman to oppose busing when he was in the House.
5. Blast the government bureaucracy.
6. Blast the liberal Congress and call the Democrats by name, "liberal Democrats".

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COMMITTEE ON  
APPROPRIATIONS  
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DEFENSE  
TRANSPORTATION

OK.  
[April 1976?]

Suggested topics the President might want to discuss if he goes to Alabama and there is a press conference.

{ Kissinger and Detente  
Panama Canal (much of what might be asked is what Reagan has been saying)

Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway

National Defense posture

Gun Laws

Closing of Craig Air Force Base in Selma

Social Security

Food Stamp problems

Post Office closings

CIA

Budget- Deficits, balanced etc.

[April 1976?]  
OK

TO: THE WHITE HOUSE

FROM: U.S. REP. JOHN BUCHANAN (R.-Ala.) STAFF

RE: Issues in the 6th District (Birmingham area),  
state and nation.

A professional type poll recently conducted on Mr. Buchanan's behalf (267 people from all parts of the Congressional District) indicated the three concerns, in order of importance, were: (1) The economy (2) ethics in government (3) schools.

It is difficult, however, for the press or local politicians to pinpoint any burning issues. The concern felt strongly last year about inflation and unemployment has diminished. People have become accustomed to paying more per gallon of gasoline, for example.

One news reporter, with long experience in covering local news, said she hears a great deal of talk about crime. Birmingham showed a decrease in crime in the last FBI report.

The old issue of "race" in all its connotations still can be important in Birmingham, depending on how and when it surfaces. It could be a big thing if attorneys for plaintiffs in local school cases go back to court--as they have said they will do--to ask for desegregation by bussing. Birmingham now has no bussing. The city school system has never owned buses. Children walk, ride city buses, or are transported in their own cars to school.

There is a perception among blue collar residents of Birmingham that the city is about to "go black," despite the fact that the census count in 1960 and 1970 showed only a percent or so of increase among black residents. In fact, in those decades, more blacks moved out than whites. That trend may have stopped. The decision makers in government and business say privately, "Unless we can keep white, middle class people here we're going to have a black city." The mayor is concerned about this, but he was elected with heavy black vote and is believed to be "their man."

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To The White House from Congressman Buchanan's staff

The downtown area of Birmingham is perceived by business people as being "just about dead," despite a downtown area renovation done largely with federal money called "Birmingham Green." Operation New Birmingham, a civic-action group with great success in opening up communication between the races and with attacking problems, is getting set for another big push to try to get people back downtown, working, eating, drinking, etc. The new Civic Center in the downtown area is seen as a big plus. It will attract people for entertainment, exhibitions, etc.

The new First Alabama Bank building is the last big construction project anybody sees. Buildings are vacant in large numbers in the downtown area. The character of the downtown area has changed in the past 20 years from shopping and business to financial and business.

#### STATE

A Montgomery newsman with his ear to the ground, who monitors the state weekly press, says for the first time in his memory (he's 45), there are no significant statewide issues to speak of.

The demise of Wallace is seen as an "interesting and significant thing" by this newsman and the political writers on Birmingham papers.

The weekly press has been virtually unanimous in the attitude that, for Wallace, "the party's over." There's no great handwringing or anything like that. There is an acceptance of the inevitability that it had to come some day and this is it. In fact, there has been something of a clamor for him to abandon the remainder of the campaign and "come on home."

The Birmingham News in last Sunday's edition carried excerpts from telephone interviews with 37 people from across the state. Almost all said Wallace should come home. Some people were sympathetic with the drain on his physical condition and thought he would be "better off" at home.

The do-nothing Alabama Legislature is a burr under

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To the White House from Congressman Buchanan's staff

many folks' saddles. There is a continuing hassle over the educational trust fund, which has a very great deal of money, and whether Wallace and the Legislature will tap it for prisons, mental health, etc. The school lobby--increasingly strong--is dead set against it, while Wallace sees no way out of tapping it.

The prisons are a state issue. The Montgomery newsman sees a head-on collision on the prison matter just down the road a-ways. U.S. District Judge Frank M. Johnson has ruled in three suits brought by prisoners that the prisons must be upgraded and set out very specific orders for it.

It means, however, that to carry out those orders the Legislature will have to appropriate a lot of money. "My impression is that they (the Legislators) are not going to do it," the newsman says. "That throws it back into Johnson's hands." For his part, the judge says if the Legislature doesn't act to carry out his orders, he'll close the prisons.

At the time of the prison suit decision (in January?), talk about the prisons dominated conversations around the state. People see it as a part of the crime problem, to some extent, but the major attitude seems to be: "The judges are turning the prisoners loose on us."

The Montgomery newsman believes there is "still some anxiety in the state about crime . . . a sort of growing anxiety."

After watching "Helter Skelter," the television program a couple of weeks ago about the Manson gang in California, there were increasing numbers of letters to editors asking that the death penalty be reinstated, enforced and upheld.

4-4-4-4

To the White House from Congressman Buchanan's staff

Several persons interviewed have the sense that the "man in the street" thinks we are somehow coming out second best in comparison to Russia in foreign affairs. This was demonstrated in reaction to Monyhian's speeches in the United Nations. They think maybe we are being made fools of by any country who wishes to make fools of us.

This attitude in Alabama is nothing new. It came to a head in the days when intense publicity was focused on the state in connection with blacks' struggles for voting rights, integrated education, etc. People in the state were disturbed that "they," (usually meaning the northern and eastern press and politicians) were looking down their noses at "us," (the Southerners). The people resented it then and resent it now. This somehow translates into a resentment about foreigners getting the best of the U.S.

One Republican politician who travels a lot in the state says the people of the state (and perhaps the nation) are in a "weird mood." He, also, sees the attitude that, "We're being pushed around too much." In Rhodesia, although they don't understand the issues in depth, they perceive that we're coming out second best . . . "being kicked around."

This man thinks, "The country lacks a sense of direction, a sense of self-worth." In his opinion, all these problems could be solved if "we were happy with ourselves as a country."

"People are in a weird mood," he said. "You can't talk to anybody who doesn't distrust government." But, he added, "They also distrust other institutions--church, business, and schools."

"Its a nation in search of a leader," concluded this Republican politician.

He sees "honesty and integrity in government" as an important issue, "but maybe bread on the table is more important."

4/6/76

5:00 pm

*Jerry*

*Jim Collins*

*Alan Steelman*

*Bill Archer*

*Ron Paul*

*Jeanne King - says leaving tomorrow afternoon but will give msg.*

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO TEXAS

Friday and Saturday

April 9 & 10, 1976

*2571 WC - no called @ 10:30 on 4/8*

*5953 - Vickie prior commitments*

*Made all calls 4/7 @ 4:00*

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Friday, April 9, 1976

8:20 am  
EST

The President boards helo on South Lawn.

HELO DEPARTS South Lawn en route Andrews AFB.

(Flying time: 15 minutes)

8:35 am

HELO ARRIVES Andrews AFB.

The President boards Air Force One.

8:40 am

AIR FORCE ONE DEPARTS Andrews AFB en route Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas.

(Flying time: 3 hours, 20 minutes)  
(Time change: - 1 hour)

11:00 am  
CST

AIR FORCE ONE ARRIVES Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas.

En route the motorcade for boarding, the President will talk briefly with the local press.

11:10 am

MOTORCADE DEPARTS Kelly AFB en route the Alamo.

(Driving time: 15 minutes)

11:25 am

MOTORCADE ARRIVES the Alamo (museum entrance).

PRESS POOL COVERAGE  
CLOSED ARRIVAL





The President will be met by:

Mr. Charles Lang

Mrs. Charles A. Hall

Mrs. Albaugh

The President, escorted by the greeters, will be afforded a tour of the Alamo.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

11:45 am Tour concludes. The President and his escorts arrive at the patio area for a brief garden reception with the San Antonio Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

ATTENDANCE: 200

11:58 am The President thanks the reception guests and proceeds to holding room.

12:00 noon The President arrives holding room inside the Shrine.

PERSONAL/STAFF TIME: 10 minutes

12:10 pm Ruffles and Flourishes  
Announcement  
Hail to the Chief

12:10 pm The President exits the Alamo front door en route platform on the Alamo Plaza.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

CROWD SITUATION

12:13 pm The President arrives dais and is seated.

12:13 pm Welcoming remarks..

12:15 pm National Anthem.

12:17 pm Brief remarks by Senator John Tower (R-Tex concluding in the introduction of the President.

12:20 pm Presidential remarks.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

12:35 pm Remarks conclude.

Musical Medley.

The President departs stage en route motorcade for boarding.

12:45 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS en route the Hilton Palacio del Rio Hotel.

(Driving time: 5 minutes)

12:50 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES Hilton Palacio del Rio Hotel.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE  
CLOSED ARRIVAL

The President will be met by:

William Hunter, Hotel Manager

The President proceeds to elevator en route 22nd Floor.

12:55 pm The President arrives 22nd Floor for PFC delegates' photo session.

OFFICIAL PHOTO COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 25

1:05 pm The President departs delegates' photo session en route brief informal meeting with area PFC Finance Committee Directors.

OFFICIAL PHOTO COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 10

1:13 pm The President departs 22nd Floor en route Suite.

1:15 pm The President arrives Suite.

PERSONAL/STAFF TIME: 40 minutes

1:55 pm The President departs Suite en route motorcade for boarding.

1:57 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS hotel en route San Antonio Civic Center.

(Driving time: 3 minutes)

2:00 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES San Antonio Civic Center.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE  
CLOSED ARRIVAL

The President proceeds en route VIP Room for GOP Reception.

2:05 pm The President arrives VIP Room and informally greets reception guests.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 450

2:15 pm Introduction of Senator Tower by Siegel Whitely.

2:17 pm Introduction of the President by Senator Tower.

2:20 pm Presidential remarks.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

NOTE: It is suggested that upon completion of remarks the President undertake informal Question and Answer dialogue with members of the audience.

2:24 pm Remarks conclude.

2:40 pm The President departs GOP Reception en route Rehearsal Hall for PFC volunteer workers' reception.

2:42 pm The President arrives reception.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 200

3:00 pm The President thanks the reception guests and departs en route motorcade for boarding.

3:05 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS San Antonio Civic Center en route Kelly AFB.

(Driving time: 10 minutes)

3:15 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES Kelly AFB.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
CLOSED DEPARTURE

The President boards Air Force One.

3:20 pm AIR FORCE ONE DEPARTS Kelly AFB en route Love Field,  
Dallas, Texas.

(Flying time: 1 hour, 10 minutes)  
(No time change)

4:30 pm AIR FORCE ONE ARRIVES Love Field, Dallas Texas.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
CLOSED ARRIVAL

En route motorcade for boarding, the President will talk briefly with members of the local press.

4:35 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS Love Field en route the Fairmont Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

(Driving time: 15 minutes)

4:50 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES the Fairmont Hotel.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE  
CLOSED ARRIVAL

The President will be met by:

Fairmont Hotel Manager

The President proceeds to holding area.

4:55 pm The President arrives holding area and pauses for announcement.

5:00 pm Announcement.

5:00 pm The President proceeds into the International Ballroom and onto the stage for seating at ~~an Economic Forum~~ ~~hosted by~~ the Southern Methodist University School of Business *Management Briefing.*

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 700

5:03 pm Welcoming remarks and introduction of the President.

5:05 pm Presidential remarks.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

5:13 pm Remarks conclude.



The President will accept questions from the audience, beginning with the stage left microphone area and alternating stage left and right for all alternate questions.

5:45 pm Question and Answer Session concludes.

5:45 pm Thank you to the President.

5:46 pm The President departs International Ballroom en route the Gold Room.

5:55 pm The President arrives the Gold Room and informally greets guests at PFC Fundraiser Reception.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 200

NOTE: A contingency microphone will be available if brief remarks are desired.

6:35 pm The President thanks the reception guests and departs Gold Room en route Suite.

6:40 pm The President arrives Suite.

PERSONAL/STAFF TIME: 1 hour, 20 minutes

8:00 pm The President departs Suite en route motorcade for boarding.

8:05 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS Fairmont Hotel en route Texas Stadium, Irving, Texas.

(Driving time: 15 minutes)

8:20 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES Texas Stadium (Gate #1).

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
CLOSED ARRIVAL

The President will be met by:

Irving Bar Association Members

The President proceeds inside Texas Stadium en route offstage announcement area.

8:29 pm The President arrives offstage announcement area.

8:30 pm Announcement.



8:30 pm The President enters the Stadium Club and proceeds onto dais for seating at the Irving Bar Association Law Day Dinner.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 600

8:33 pm Welcoming remarks.

8:35 pm Invocation.

8:37 pm Dinner is served.

NOTE: During dinner service, dais and other special guests will be introduced.

9:13 pm Introduction of the President.

9:15 pm Presidential remarks.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

9:35 pm Remarks conclude.

9:36 pm Thank you to the President and gift presentation.

9:38 pm The President departs Stadium Club en route motorcade for boarding.

9:45 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS Texas Stadium en route Fairmont Hotel.

(Driving time: 15 minutes)

10:00 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES Fairmont Hotel.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE  
CLOSED ARRIVAL

The President proceeds to Suite.

10:05 pm The President arrives Suite.

~~O V E R N I G H T~~

*Dallas*



Saturday, April 10, 1976

7:55 am The President, escorted by Senator Tower, departs Suite en route Gold Room for PFC Reception.

8:00 am The President arrives Gold Room for PFC Reception and informally greets guests en route microphone.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 200

8:10 pm Introduction of the President by Senator Tower.

8:12 am Presidential remarks.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

8:25 am Remarks conclude.

The President continues to greet guests prior to departure from the Gold Room to return to his Suite.

8:40 am The President arrives Suite.

PERSONAL/STAFF TIME: 30 minutes

9:10 am The President departs Suite en route International Ballroom offstage announcement area.

9:13 am The President arrives offstage announcement area.

9:15 pm Announcement.

9:15 am The President proceeds to the International Ballroom podium for the local press conference sponsored jointly by the Dallas and Fort Worth Chapters of Sigma Delta Chi.

9:16 pm Introduction of the President.

9:16 am Press Conference begins.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

9:45 am Press Conference concludes.



The President thanks guests and departs International Ballroom en route Suite.

NOTE: En route Suite, the President will greet PFC area delegates and pause for photos.

9:55 am The President arrives Suite.

PERSONAL/STAFF TIME: 25 minutes

10:20 am The President departs Suite en route motorcade for boarding.

10:25 am MOTORCADE DEPARTS en route Love Field, Dallas, Texas.

(Driving time: 15 minutes)

10:40 am MOTORCADE ARRIVES Love Field, Dallas, Texas.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
CLOSED DEPARTURE

~~10:45 am The President boards Air Force One.~~

~~AIR FORCE ONE DEPARTS Love Field en route El Paso International Airport, El Paso, Texas.~~

~~(Flying time: 2 hours, 10 minutes)  
(Time change: - 1 hour)~~

11:55 am AIR FORCE ONE ARRIVES El Paso International Airport.

OPE PRESS COVERAGE  
CLOSED ARRIVAL

En route motorcade for boarding, the President will talk briefly with the local press.

12:00 noon MOTORCADE DEPARTS El Paso International Airport en route El Paso Civic Center.

(Driving time: 20 minutes)

12:20 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES El Paso Civic Center.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE  
CLOSED ARRIVAL





The President will be met by:

Texas Grain and Feed Association Member

The President, escorted by his greeter, proceeds to holding area.

12:23 pm The President arrives holding area and pauses for announcement.

12:30 pm Announcement.

12:30 pm The President, escorted by his greeter, proceeds on stage to address the Texas Grain and Feed Association Annual Convention.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 1000

12:31 pm Introduction of the President.

12:33 pm Presidential remarks.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

12:40 pm Remarks conclude.

The President will accept questions from the audience, beginning with the stage left microphone and alternating stage right and left for all subsequent questions.

1:20 pm Question and Answer Session concludes.

1:21 pm Thank you to the President.

1:22 pm The President departs Civic Center stage en route PFC Reception.

1:30 pm The President arrives PFC Reception and informally greets workers and volunteers.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 60

1:55 pm The President thanks the PFC Reception guests and departs en route holding room.

2:00 pm The President arrives holding room.

PERSONAL/STAFF TIME: 50 minutes

2:50 pm The President departs holding room en route motorcade for boarding.

2:55 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS El Paso Civic Center en route Downtown Plaza.

(Driving time: 5 minutes)

3:00 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES Downtown Plaza for El Paso Bicentennial Committee presentation commemorating the establishment of a city memorial honoring those who gave their lives in the Vietnam conflict.

3:00 pm Ruffles and Flourishes  
Announcement  
Hail to the Chief

3:01 pm The President departs his vehicle and proceeds on stage for seating.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
CROWD SITUATION

3:05 pm Welcoming remarks by El Paso City Bicentennial Member, concluding in an invitation to the President to lay a wreath at the new memorial.

3:07 pm The President departs the stage and lays a wreath at the new memorial, returning to the stage upon completion.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

3:10 pm Introduction of the President by Senator Tower.

3:12 pm Presidential remarks.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

3:30 pm Remarks conclude.

Musical medley.

The President departs stage en route motorcade for boarding.

3:40 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS Downtown Plaza en route El Paso Civic Center.

(Driving time: 5 minutes)

3:50 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES Civic Center.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE  
CLOSED ARRIVAL

The President proceeds to holding room.

3:55 pm The President arrives holding room.

PERSONAL/STAFF TIME: 30 minutes

4:25 pm The President departs holding room en route  
motorcade for boarding.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS El Paso Civic Center en route  
El Paso International Airport.

(Driving time: 20 minutes)

4:45 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES El Paso International Airport.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
CLOSED ARRIVAL

4:50 pm The President boards Air Force One.

AIR FORCE ONE DEPARTS El Paso International Airport  
en route Amarillo Air Terminal, Amarillo, Texas.

(Flying time: 1 hour, 20 minutes)  
(Time change: + 1 hour)

7:10 pm AIR FORCE ONE ARRIVES Amarillo Air Terminal, Amarillo,  
CST Texas.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
CROWD SITUATION

The President deplanes Air Force One and proceeds  
to microphone

7:13 pm Presidential remarks.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

7:18 pm Remarks conclude.

The President greets the crowd en route motorcade  
for boarding.



7:30 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS Amarillo Air Terminal en route Hilton Hotel.

(Driving time: 5 minutes)

7:35 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES Hilton Hotel.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE  
CLOSED ARRIVAL

The President proceeds to Suite.

7:37 pm The President arrives Suite.

PERSONAL/STAFF TIME: 10 minutes

7:47 pm The President departs Suite en route PFC Reception.

7:50 pm The President arrives PFC Reception and informally greets guests.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 50

8:05 pm The President departs PFC Reception en route motorcade for boarding.

8:07 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS Hilton Hotel en route West Texas State University Gymnasium.

(Driving time: 23 minutes)

8:30 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES West Texas State Gymnasium.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
CLOSED ARRIVAL

The President will be met by:

West Texas State University Representative

The President proceeds inside gymnasium en route offstage announcement area.

8:33 pm The President arrives offstage announcement area.

8:35 pm Announcement.

The President proceeds onto stage and is seated at special forum hosted by West Texas State University.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 3700

8:38 pm Welcoming remarks.  
8:40 pm Invocation.  
8:41 pm National Anthem.  
8:43 pm Introduction of the President.  
8:45 pm Presidential remarks.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

8:52 pm Remarks conclude.

The President will take questions from the audience, beginning with stage left microphone and alternating stage right and stage left for all subsequent questions.

9:20 pm Question and Answer Session concludes.

9:20 pm Thank you to the President and gift presentation.

9:21 pm The President thanks audience and departs en route motorcade for boarding.

9:30 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS West Texas State University en route Amarillo Air Terminal.

(Driving time: 30 minutes)

10:00 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES Amarillo Air Terminal.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
CLOSED DEPARTURE

10:05 pm The President boards Air Force One.

AIR FORCE ONE DEPARTS Amarillo Air Terminal en route Andrews AFB.

(Flying time: 2 hours, 40 minutes)  
(Time change: + 1 hour)

1:45 am AIR FORCE ONE ARRIVES Andrews AFB.

The President boards helo.



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HELO DEPARTS Andrews AFB en route South Lawn.

(Flying time: 15 minutes)

2:05 am

HELO ARRIVES South Lawn.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 14, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX FRIEDERSDORF  
THROUGH: CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *CL*  
FROM: TOM LOEFFLER *T.L.*  
SUBJECT: Q's and A's for Indiana,  
Georgia and Louisiana

Attached are subject Q's and A's.

Attach.

BACKGROUND MATERIAL FROM CONGRESSMAN BUD HILLIS  
FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S  
TRIP TO INDIANA

1. The President should pledge to get the five Republican Congressional seats back, which were lost in the last election.
2. There is an automotive industry unemployment problem in the Anderson-Marion area.
3. There is some controversy in the building of Newport Arsenal whether it should be built in Oklahoma or Indiana.
4. The grain embargo and the estate tax are big issues.
5. They have received a lot of mail on the Child and Family Service Act in opposition to it.
6. The Congressman feels that there would be an excellent opportunity for the President to be with a good college audience of about 20,000 people on April 24 at the Little 500 Bicycle Race at the stadium at Indiana University in Bloomington. He feels that President needs more exposure on the campuses and this would be a good opportunity.



BACKGROUND MATERIAL FROM CONGRESSMAN JOHN MYERS  
FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S  
TRIP TO INDIANA

1. Still considerable discussion over the agricultural export embargo.
2. High interest in estate tax changes to assist small farmers and small businessmen.
3. Defense related layoffs in southern Indiana at the Crane Naval Weapons Support Center are a problem. A total of about 600 have or are about to be released.
4. Strong defense posture, detente are the subject of much mail.
5. Most responsive chord could be struck with strong enunciation of proposals to deregulate, cutting red tape, overregulation, etc.

CONGRESSIONAL INPUT FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR  
TO THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO GEORGIA

CAVEAT - FOREIGN AID

The citizens of Georgia and its elected representatives have consistently voiced strong opposition to foreign aid. And, as a corollary, Secretary Kissinger and the atmosphere of detente are a liability to the President. However, the Jewish communities in and around Atlanta and Augusta support the highest level of fundings provided for Israel.

ISSUES OF TOP PRIORITY

Strong National Defense

To avoid the foreign aid issue, the President should come down heavy on the need for a strong national defense. State that the United States defense posture is second to none and that "a strong America will be a free America".

Fiscal Responsibility

This issue has large appeal in Georgia

1. Tax reduction spending ceiling and farmer/small businessman tax proposals should be emphasized.
2. Note the Administration's efforts to cure the recession, curb inflation, and create jobs without resorting to massive Federal programs. Cite favorable statistics and trends.
3. Strongly emphasize the Administration's efforts to correct the abuse of and inequities in the Food Stamp Program. ie. Provide for those truly in need, but forego federal assistance to those who are not in financial trouble. (Senator Talmadge, as Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, has taken legislative initiatives which would address this problem.)

4. The Administration's proposed Revenue Sharing Program is very popular with Mayors. The President's proposal will 1) return government back to the state and local level and reinstitute the viability of state and local government, 2) provide the opportunity for many services to be made available without raising local taxes, and 3) reduce notorious interferences by the Federal government.
5. Continue the strong dual banking systems--maintain competition between Federal and state banks.

## OTHER

### Agricultural Subsidy Programs

Peanut, tobacco and cotton subsidy programs are very popular in the State of Georgia. Secretary Butz, therefore, is unpopular.

### Threat of Organized Labor

Threat of organized labor is of great concern to the citizenry outside the major populated areas. The textile industry, a major industry in Georgia, wants to keep the current right-to-work laws. If asked, suggest that the President say he strongly believes that it is the responsibility for the State to decide whether it should have right-to-work laws. (The Presidential veto of the Common Situs Picketing Bill was favorably received.)

### SBA and FHA Programs

These programs have been well received in Georgia.

Commend Georgia as the progressive/industrialized South which has always manifested rugged individualism, been the bastion for strong defense second to none, and strived to obtain the atmosphere where "making a profit" is viewed in a most favorable light.

PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO SHREVEPORT AND BOSSIER CITY,  
LOUISIANA

April 27, 1976

BRIEFING NOTES PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE  
JOE D. WAGGONER, 4th DISTRICT, LOUISIANA

PRINCIPAL EVENT OF VISIT -- HOLIDAY IN DIXIE FESTIVAL

Holiday in Dixie is an annual spring festival conducted by the citizens of the Northwest corner of Louisiana, the Northeast corner of Texas, and the Southwest corner of Arkansas, commonly known as the ARK-LA-TEX.

ARK-LA-TEX - Shreveport and Bossier (pronounced Bō-zhār) City are commonly referred to as the capital of the ARK-LA-TEX, a trade area described above, having common interests. The 1970 U. S. Census showed that 43.4% of the area workers are employed in manufacturing, wholesale and retail trade jobs. The news media, transportation facilities, as well as commercial establishments in Shreveport and Bossier City, serve the wide regional area known as the ARK-LA-TEX.

THE TWIN CITIES - Shreveport (July 1, 1975 - 195,800), and Bossier City (July 1, 1975 - 52,800), (SMSA July 1, 1975 - 345,700) -- served in the early days of this century as an agricultural center until oil and gas began to dominate the economy during the period from the 1920's to the 1950's. Now the economy is greatly diversified in the fields of manufacturing and trade, as mentioned above. In recent years the following major companies have located new plants in the area: General Electric, Western Electric, Bingham-Willamette Company, General Motors, and Gould Battery.

MAJOR AREAS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL CONCERN PARTICULARLY AS  
THEY RELATE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Red River Navigation Project - Congress authorized the construction of a series of locks and dams to make the Red River navigable from the Mississippi River to Daingerfield in East Texas. Considerable bank stabilization and channel work has been proceeding for a number of years and the President's FY 1977 Budget contains funds for initial excavation work on the first lock and dam. The project will add greatly to the commerce and industry of Louisiana and East Texas, as well as neighboring areas of Oklahoma and Arkansas.

North-South Highway - Louisiana is one of only a few States in the United States without both an East-West and North-South Interstate Highway. Interstate 20 is 99% completed East and West across North Texas and North Louisiana. The lack of a North-South expressway has become a major issue in the State and, particularly, North Louisiana, in the last several years. Once it was known for sure that additional interstate mileage was no longer available to the State, the Louisiana Congressional Delegation sought to determine the best source of funding for a North-South route through Federal Highway Programs to supplement the State's resources. The Governor was advised by the Delegation that he had two options: (1) that he could use priority primary mileage and funds for a toll road under Section 126 of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1973, subject to continued Congressional authorization of funds. These funds would be in addition to the State's regular Federal aid primary funds. (2) The Governor could substitute a large portion of Interstate 410 around New Orleans for a free North-South interstate route (the majority of I-410 was recently scrapped by mutual agreement between State and Federal officials). The additional miles necessary for the full route are available in the Howard-Cramer Amendment reserve for this purpose and upon proper application could be approved by the Federal Highway Administration. The Federal Aid Highway Act cleared by the Congress on 13 April will benefit this project. The Governor has given the go-ahead for initial environmental and engineering study work but he has not made a decision between the two options.

National Defense - The citizens of the area are very strong advocates of national defense and have considerable pride in the fact that they contribute greatly to our national defense program. The enormous Barksdale Air Force Base, adjacent to Bossier City, serves as the Headquarters for the Strategic Air Command's 8th Air Force -- Fort Polk on the southern fringes of the ARK-LA-TEX region has for years served as one of the major training bases for the Army and in May, completely reverts to a new and major role as the home of the 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), one of three new divisions to be reactivated by the Army. The President's FY 1977 Budget contains approximately \$73 million to continue the modernization and expansion of this sprawling facility. The Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant, located just east of Barksdale Air Force Base, the Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant at Texarkana, Texas, the Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant at Karnack, Texas, and the Red River Army Depot at Texarkana, Texas, have long played an important role in supplying our troops. Recently the three ammunition plants have experienced varying degrees of production cutbacks because of diminishing requirements in this field.

Participation in military reserve units of all branches is excellent.

### Others

AMTRAK - discussion has increased somewhat in recent months about the possibility of a new AMTRAK line through the area, linking Atlanta, Georgia, and Los Angeles, California.

Air routes expansion - the City of Shreveport has been seeking CAB approval for expanded airline service, particularly to the Northwest (Oklahoma City/Denver). A petition for reconsideration of a denial of this route is now pending before the CAB.

Agriculture - is still big in the area with cotton, cattle, and soybeans being the leading products. The industry has suffered greatly in the last few years because of adverse weather and disease infestation.

NATIONAL ISSUES AS SEEN BY AREA CITIZENS WHO ARE PREDOMINANTLY NON-PARTISAN AND CONSERVATIVE, NOT UNLIKE OUR NEIGHBORS IN MUCH OF TEXAS. THE 4th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA HAS NOT GIVEN A MAJORITY VOTE TO A DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SINCE 1944.

Federal Government too big and expensive

- Food stamp, and welfare reform are widely discussed as greatly needed.
- Streamlining of Federal agencies needed. One of the most talked about problems in this regard is too much regulation by the Federal Government in the daily lives and business of private citizens.

Energy-- Need for a realistic energy policy -- independent oil and gas operators constitute a large segment of the business community in Shreveport -- views in Northwest Louisiana would be very similar to those in Texas.

National Defense - as indicated above in local issues, a strong national defense posture is imperative to majority of area citizens.

Economy - Inflation - the feeling is that great improvement has been made and progress must continue. Unemployment is not now, and has not been, as serious in the area as most areas in the country.

Quality of Education - While much of the control in this area is obviously with State and local entities, concern still ranks high in the minds of most about Federal court interference in the educational field. Recent judicial action in the area of private schools is most unpopular. This is a subject best not discussed, as there are complex local problems.

Postal Service - The quality of the Postal operation is increasingly becoming a topic of conversation and concern. Businessmen feel that poor service is now becoming an economic factor in their day-to-day operation. Average citizens express concern that true service is being lost.

Panama Canal - The majority in the area believe in the status quo of the Canal.

Congressman Waggonner will be happy to address any of these subjects in greater detail for the President or any White House official.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 27, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX FRIEDERSDORF  
THROUGH: CHARLES LEPPERT, JR.  
FROM: PATRICK ROWLAND PR  
SUBJECT: Q's and A's for New Jersey  
and Kentucky

Attached is the information received from Rep. Ed Forsythe regarding the issues in New Jersey.

Also attached are the Q's and A's received from Rep. Tim Lee Carter.

BACKGROUND MATERIAL FROM CONGRESSMAN ED FORSYTHE  
FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S  
TRIP TO NEW JERSEY

1. The most persistent questions are on inflation and unemployment.
2. While it is not a federal matter, the heaviest Congressional mail are on the questions of state and local taxes. New Jersey does not have a state income tax and this has resulted in high property taxes. The Governor is under heavy fire for cutting back on programs because the state constitution requires that he submit a balanced budget. The Governor has suggested, as has his three predecessors, a state income tax. This move is highly unpopular and is currently going through the state legislative process, where it is expected to be killed.
3. There is strong support for aid to Israel, and whenever there are suggestions to trim this aid, the Congressman is always quizzed closely at public forums and through the mail.
4. Of interest throughout the state is the topic of military base closings. Apparently the Secretary of the Army again recently indicated that there is a possibility of closing Ft. Dix. An attempt to do so a year ago was turned back by the Congressional delegation through the appropriations process.

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Congress Carter on Issues for the President to include in remarks during Kentucky trip.

- I. The Economy. In Eastern Kentucky stress the fact that it has been booming because of the increased use of coal, and it is still booming.
- II. It is important for the President to explain his position on the tobacco issue by saying something to the effect that "In 1974, while I was your President, you received the highest prices for tobacco in the history of our country. During my second year in office, 1975, you received the second highest prices. Because of the decreasing foreign demands for U.S. tobacco, I was obliged to veto the tobacco bill in order to save our tobacco market. However, even so, the tobacco market prices were the second highest in our country's history. And this year, with the \$1.096 support price, tobacco will bring the highest prices ever."
- III. DEFENSE: (this is very important issue)  
This year, the budget for our armed services will be the highest peacetime budget in the history of our country. Our weaponry is more sophisticated, more effective than that of any nation in the world. In this area, we are Number One, and we will never give in--never, never give in!
- IV. Panama

*Tuesday*

PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO SHREEVEPORT, LOUISIANA  
APRIL 27, 1976 -- DEPARTING ANDREWS at 12:30 p. m.

*VIP lounge*

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL  
DATE: December 11, 1975  
FROM: Tom Loeffler *T.L.*  
THRU: Max Friedersdorf  
Vern Loen *VL*  
VIA: Bill Nicholson

MEETING: Rep. Joe Waggoner, Jr. (D. -La.)  
DATE: May 1 and May 2, 1976  
PURPOSE: To participate in the "Holiday in Dixie" Festival in  
Shreveport/Bossier City, Louisiana area  
SPEECH MATERIAL: To be appropriately prepared for events  
STAFF: Tom Loeffler  
RECOMMEND: Max Friedersdorf  
OPPOSED: None  
PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None  
BACKGROUND:

1. The "Holiday in Dixie" Festival is an annual 10-day event held each spring in the Shreveport/Bossier City, Louisiana area. Daily activities during this 10-day period include parades, social events, queen's pageants, along with various public and private parties. It is scheduled for April 23 thru May 2, 1976.
2. The Congressman strongly urges that the President attend the Festival on May 1 and May 2.
  - A) He suggests an arrival in the late afternoon of Saturday, May 1, to participate in the Ambassador Club Party which would take place that evening. This is a very exclusive club whose membership is limited to outstanding leaders throughout the United States and primarily the Southwest. Approximately 900 to 1000 persons will be present. It will be held at the private home of Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Woods.



- B) On Sunday morning, May 2, Rep. Waggonner recommends that the President participate in an air show to be held at the Barksdale Air Force Base just outside Shreveport. It is anticipated that there will be a crowd of 100,000 to 150,000 persons.
3. Earlier this fall the President was unable to accept an invitation from the Congressman to attend the Louisiana State Fair. However, the President has personally stated to the Congressman that he would very much like to visit in Waggonner's district.

Subsequent to the President's regret, Rep. Waggonner was assured by White House staff that every effort would be made to arrange a Presidential appearance next spring. The event described above, therefore, is Waggonner's renewed invitation.

He is extremely interested in this Presidential appearance because of his strong admiration and support for the President, as well as this visit would be the first time a United States President has ever appeared in the Shreveport area.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_



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THE WHITE HOUSE

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April 28, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX FRIEDERSDORF  
THROUGH: CHARLES LEPPERT, JR.  
FROM: PATRICK ROWLAND *AR*  
SUBJECT: Q's and A's for California, Wyoming and Nevada

Attached is the information for the President's trips to the above named states.



BACKGROUND MATERIAL FROM CONGRESSMAN BOB WILSON  
FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S  
TRIP TO CALIFORNIA

1. (Q) What are the possible national effects of the passage of Proposition 15, the California Nuclear Initiative?  
  
(A) A "ripple effect" across the country as other anti-nuclear energy groups flex their muscles. Passage of the initiative will have a profound negative effect on the future of nuclear energy in America at a time we need to increase not reduce our energy options.
2. (Q) Is it true that passage of our own 200 mile limit will virtually destroy the tuna fishing industry as it exists today?  
  
(A) Not necessarily. If the Law of the Sea Conference produces a treaty that establishes a 200 mile limit, or economic zone, for coastal states, negotiations may provide for U.S. fishing rights and considerations.
3. (Q) Why is Henry Kissinger so determined to give away the Panama Canal?
4. (Q) Why does the Administration, through the Defense Department, try to cut back benefits for military personnel, such as commissaries, retirement and medical care?
5. (Q) Why is the Administration so unsympathetic to the elderly, for instance, by trying to substantially increase the average out-of-pocket expenses?
6. (Q) With the current rate of unemployment, why is the Administration continuing to close military bases and cut civilian jobs from the military payrolls?

BACKGROUND MATERIAL FROM CONGRESSMAN BURT TALCOTT  
FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S  
TRIP TO CALIFORNIA

1. Nuclear Initiative - Proposition 15 on Ballet on June 8 -  
Proposes to delay the construction of nuclear power plants.  
Should this initiative be approved, it could trigger similar  
action by other states to defer nuclear power plant development.
  
2. Gun Control - (results of questionnaire on gun control offered by  
Rep. Talcott.)
  - a) Require federal registration of all hand-guns .  
yes 41%                      no 59%
  
  - b) Provide separate penalty for crimes committed with guns.  
yes 78.75%                  no 21%
  
  - c) Restrict possession of hand-guns to those of legitimate need.  
yes 26.5%                    no 73.5%
  
  - d) Make possession of all hand-guns unlawful.  
yes 10.25%                    no 89.75%
  
  - e) Make no changes in federal gun laws.  
yes 15.5%                      no 84.5%
  
3. Farm Labor - The State of California passed a farm labor law  
which provided for representation elections. This was a  
contest between the Teamsters union and the United Farm Workers  
(Caesar Chavez). Governor Brown appointed a board that was biased  
against the farmers. A number of state legislators in the California  
legislature were able to block funding until modifications in the law  
were adopted. This has resulted in a stalemate and presently there  
are no funds available to carry out the Act.
  
4. Abortion - Right to life movement -  
Although it has not surfaced as an issue yet, could be a potential  
controversy (note\* Senator Helms April 27 effort to get Senate  
Floor action on question).

BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR  
TO THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO NEVADA

1. Water - The state of Nevada is very arid, therefore, questions on what plans the Administration might have to enhance the supply of water which will allow the west to grow.
2. Grazing Fees - Sheep and cattle ranchers in the state of Nevada have been very concerned with the increases in grazing fees.
3. In-Lieu Taxation - elected county and state government officials vs the Federal government on getting a piece of the action from federally owned land.
4. Bureau of Reclamation Activity - Dam projects are a source of contention to the citizens of Nevada.

(since the people of Nevada are against big government, suggest that the President speak on the subject of the federal government working out an equitable relationship with the local governments.)

BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO  
THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO WYOMING

Energy resource state with the potential of producing a lot of oil, natural gas and coal. There is apparently a negative feeling toward the Administration because of a lack of a nation energy policy. There is a tendency to blame the Administration for this problem rather than the Congress.

As would be expected among those in the oil business, they continue to be displeased with the President's signing of the energy bill.

Agricultural programs - Wyoming is a cattle and agricultural state. Perhaps the President's agricultural programs and policies need to be explained. There seems to be a lot of misunderstanding about these programs.

Altogether however, with the upswing in the economy, there does not seem to be a lot of discontent.