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THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

MRH
4/10/76
11:25

TO Harold Rogers
Chairman, Kentucky President Ford Committee
(606) 233-4135

DATE Saturday, April 10, 1976
11:00 a.m. EST

RECOMMENDED BY Rogers Morton, Stu Spencer

PURPOSE Opening of State PFC Headquarters in Lexington

BACKGROUND The PFC has put together, in a very short time, an excellent organization in Kentucky. Hap Rogers, working with Ed Middleton, the National Committeeman; and Mrs. Huda Jones, Chairman of Women's Activities for the Kentucky PFC have pulled the organization together. 37 delegates will be at stake in the May 25 primary. Cong. Tim Lee Carter is the only Republican in the Congressional delegation and his support for the President is strong but low-profile due to strong Reagan campaign pressure in his District.

Harold Rogers is Commonwealth Attorney for Pulaski and Rockville Counties.

Your remarks will be heard over a loud speaker system to the 1000 gathered.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION After initial courtesies, it is suggested that you make a short statement along the lines of the attached.

NOTE: Governor Bill Milliken of Michigan will be there to open the headquarters.

April 8, 1976

I AM TRULY SORRY THAT I COULDN'T BE THERE WITH
YOU PERSONALLY TODAY BUT THERE ARE A FEW THINGS
THAT I HAVE TO DO HERE IN TEXAS BEFORE MAY 1.

I WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT I HAVE GREAT APPRECIATION
FOR ALL THAT YOU ARE DOING IN MY BEHALF IN THE STATE
OF KENTUCKY, AND I AM SURE THAT THIS HEADQUARTERS
OPENING IN LEXINGTON DEMONSTRATES THE GREAT AMOUNT
OF MOVEMENT MY CAMPAIGN IS MAKING IN KENTUCKY.

WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US AS YOU PEOPLE KNOW.

WE CAN WIN ON MAY 25 BUT ONLY IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER
AND DON'T LET DOWN.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ENTHUSIASM AND
DEDICATION ON MY BEHALF. I AM CONFIDENT THAT TOGETHER
WE WILL WIN AN IMPORTANT VICTORY ON MAY 25 IN KENTUCKY.