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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . .

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO Senator Carl Curtis (Nebraska)
224-4224

Called earlier

DATE Before May 11 primary

RECOMMENDED BY Rog Morton, Stu Spencer

PURPOSE To urge the Senator to do as much as possible statewide for the President. To insure active involvement of the Congressional delegation in turning out pro-Ford supporters in the primary.

BACKGROUND Nebraska's primary is May 11; 25 delegates will be sent to Kansas City. Currently, the President's position is strong, but complacency could result in Reagan momentum. Support is there but tends to be less active than is desired.

The Senator has filed as a delegate on your slate.

PFC Chairman: Bill Barrett
PFC Finance Chairman: Dave Tews

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION I appreciate your continued help and support.

What is your appraisal of the situation in Nebraska?

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April 23, 1976

Notified Jane Fagan

NEBRASKA

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25 Delegates

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Missouri

PRIORITY # 2

NOTE: The President is currently scheduled to be in Missouri on MAY 8 to participate in the TRUMAN LIBRARY EVENT OF a statue unveiling.

Called earlier

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO Congressman Gene Taylor (Missouri - 7th District)
225-6536

DATE As soon as possible

RECOMMENDED BY Rog Morton, Stu Spencer

PURPOSE To obtain a firm commitment of support from the
Congressman for the President's nomination.

To ask the Congressman to help insure the election
of three Ford delegates from his Congressional
District (7th) and to ask that he help the PFC efforts
in the 4th and 6th Districts.

BACKGROUND Missouri, whose State Convention is June 12, will
send 49 delegates to the Convention.

Congressman Taylor is the key to the election of
Ford delegates in the 7th District, and to a great
extent the 4th and 6th. Many leaders in the Party
have joined the campaign in Missouri and we need the
Congressman's assurances and assistance. Phone
calls by Congressman Taylor to influential
Republicans around the state who are uncommitted
or leaning to Reagan would help negate Reagan
activity.

PFC State Chairman: Gene McNary
PFC Finance Chairman: Maj. Gen. Leif Sverdrup

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION What is your appraisal of the Presidential
campaign in Missouri?

Notified Gene Fagan

I hope I can count on your support and the support of the three 7th District delegates for my nomination.

I'd also appreciate it if you could make some calls into the 4th and 6th Districts to negate some of the opposition organization. One call in particular that would be helpful would be to Jewett Fulkerson, the National Committeeman.

NOTE: The Missouri GOP is very fractionalized. Governor Bond heads one group and Congressman Taylor the other. There has been an uneasy truce between the organizations lately and some of Taylor's backers are working with the Bond group supporting the President. However, Bond's close association with and out-front posture for the President's campaign is a touchy subject for Cong. Taylor. A majority of the Congressman's supporters are openly supporting Reagan.

MISSOURI

Delegates are selected by Congressional District convention to the State Convention (June 12).

In ward, precinct and county caucuses recently held in Missouri, the President picked up 530 delegates, Reagan 318 and there are 595 uncommitted. The President won the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Eighth and Ninth Districts.

Governor Kit Bond is doing an excellent job. There is a national field man in the state full time.

Congressman Gene Taylor said that three delegates from his District (7th) will be uncommitted but actually for the President.

49 delegates.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

NEBRASKA Delegation

PRIORITY # 4

Called earlier

NOTE: THE PRESIDENT is
CURRENTLY scheduled to
visit NEBRASKA ON MAY 7.

Cong. John McCollister is
NOT listed here because
he has NOT come out for
the PRESIDENT FORMALLY.
He has remained publicly
NEUTRAL because of his
bid for the U.S. SENATE
seat which will be vacant
WITH SEN. HRUSKA RETIRING.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO Senator Roman Hruska (Nebraska)
224-6551

DATE Before May 11 primary

RECOMMENDED BY Rog Morton, Stu Spencer

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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO Congressman Larry Winn (Kansas, Third District)
225-2865

DATE Before May 5 (Congressional District caucuses
are being held on May 8)

RECOMMENDED BY Rog Morton, Stu Spencer

PURPOSE To solidify support for the President with the Kansas
Congressional delegation and to insure their active
involvement in turning out pro-Ford supporters for
the Congressional District caucuses on May 8.

BACKGROUND Kansas, a Convention state, will send 34 delegates
to the National Convention. Currently, the President
is in a strong position; however, support tends to be
less active than is desired and somewhat complacent.

PFC Co-Chairmen: Bill Falstad, Carol Wiebe
PFC Finance Chairman: C. Howard Wilkins

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION I appreciate your efforts on my behalf in Kansas.

How do you see the breakout of the Kansas
delegates to the National Convention?

The next six weeks of conventions and primaries
are crucial to our campaign and we can't let down
our guard in any state. Kansas is especially important.

I hope I can continue to count on your support.

April 23, 1976

Notified Jane Fagan

KANSAS

Delegates are selected by State and Congressional District Conventions composed of delegates selected at the county convention. Delegates to the county conventions are selected at the precinct caucuses.

The PFC was defeated in one county convention - Sedgwick - simply by local PFC leadership not doing their jobs. PFC was defeated decisively in Johnson County as explained to you by Cong. Larry Winn in the meeting on April 15. Johnson County has the largest number of Republican voters in the state. PFC did have the Reagan people outnumbered at the county convention; however, the PFC was defeated because of an intra-party fight within the county and the Reagan forces held solid during the whole process. Again, this indicates the weakness of the PFC organization in Kansas and the lack of strong active support by Cong. Winn.

Governor Bennett made an attempt to take the Kansas delegation to the convention uncommitted but the PFC was successful in stopping that.

34 Delegates

(In spite of this negative report, the current conservative projection is that the President will get 23 of the delegates and Reagan 11)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

Called earlier

TO Congresswoman Virginia Smith (Nebraska, 3rd District)
225-6435

DATE Before May 11 primary

RECOMMENDED BY Rog Morton, Stu Spencer

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