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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 7, 1976

*original to
Dick Cheney
5/10*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

DICK CHENEY *D*

SUBJECT:

Report from Gene Taylor on Missouri

Taylor has completed his assessment and got back to me this morning. He said the 7th, 8th, and possibly 6th Congressional Districts look bad for us. He said the 4th and 9th are question marks and still up for grabs. He said the 5th, 2nd, 1st and 3rd look pretty good for us.

He urged that you call Fred Whaley at 314/631-0335.

 Whaley is the County Chairman in the St. Louis area and is the key to the six delegates from the 6th and 3rd Districts. He said that you did a fund raiser for Whaley five or six years ago and Whaley remembers it. You should call him Fred. Taylor urged you to call Whaley because the other side is working on him too, and he believes a phone call from you will lock up those six delegates. He urged that you not tell Whaley that Taylor asked you to call.

Evidently there is some local party feud underway between the Governor and Whaley which has created part of the problem. Taylor said that much of the result came about from Right To Live people who turned up in droves on Reagan's behalf. He said the other thing that has hurt us is the Kissinger thing. He said even those who are committed to Reagan are not anti-Ford, but they are anti-Kissinger. He said they are saying that they will support you if you get the nomination.

I would recommend that you make this phone call some time this weekend.

*5/8/76 - Will do all he can to help. Believes
2/3 rds; fearful of trying to get all.*