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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . .

Talked

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO Lynn Lowe, GOP State Chairman, Arkansas  
501-372-7301 (state headquarters)  
501-773-2005

DATE As soon as possible

RECOMMENDED BY Rog Morton

PURPOSE To express the President's regrets that he is  
unable to visit Arkansas, as previously planned,  
this coming weekend.

BACKGROUND Lynn Lowe, in the summer of 1975, came out in  
strong support of the President and has been his  
strongest supporter in the southern states. This  
has caused considerable problems for Lowe with his  
own people and has subjected him to a lot of back-  
biting within the Republican Party in the southern  
states.

Lowe was very hopeful that the President could visit  
Little Rock on Sunday (May 16) and he believes  
that a victory by the President in Arkansas is very  
possible. The Arkansas primary is May 25; it is  
an open primary (cross-overs permitted). However,  
due to the total reorganization of the local and  
county governments in Arkansas, the heavily  
contested Democratic races in that state are  
expected to keep the vast majority of Democrats  
voting in their own primary.

TOPICS OF  
DISCUSSION

I am very sorry I couldn't come to Arkansas prior to the primary, but we are making a big effort in Michigan because of the number of delegates (84) and because of the psychological advantage the victor has there.

I know Rog Morton is working to get advocates into your state before the May 25 primary.

Thank you for your unwavering support through the last year. I am confident that we will win the nomination because of the hard work of people like yourself.

May 10, 1976