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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 14, 1976

CALLS - BY PRIORITY

Illinois

Mrs. Patricia Hans

Kansas

Mr. Calin James

Arizona

Jim Hartdegen

Mississippi

Mrs. Regina Pace

West Virginia

Mr. Joseph Laurita

Louisiana

Mrs. Betty Heitman

Virginia

Mr. Ward Teel

West Virginia

Mr. Ted Barr

Minnesota

Mr. Eugene A. Smith

President Ford Committee

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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FROM PRESIDENT

TO: Mrs. F. Carl Witherow ("Lu")
348 Arbor Way
State College, Pennsylvania 16801

814/238-3294 (H)

DATE: A.S.A.P.

RECOMMENDED
BY:

JIM BAKER



BACKGROUND: Mrs. Witherow, a 70 year-old widow, is an uncommitted delegate from the 23rd District in Pennsylvania. She is very conservative but likes Senator Schweiker, and is strongly opposed to Secretary Kissinger. She is particularly upset about current American policy in Africa. Specifically, she opposes United States support of a transition to a black-dominated regime in Rhodesia.

Jack Marsh, Counsellor to the President, has spoken with Mrs. Witherow two times. She is very well-informed and it has not been appropriate for Marsh to answer some of her questions. Drew Lewis has been wrong on Mrs. Witherow and her Congressman, Albert Johnson, has told Mrs. Witherow that he is certain to lose if Ronald Reagan is nominated. She is inclined to listen to Johnson.

TALKING
POINTS:

- 1) I appreciate the opportunity to talk with you.
- 2) I know that Jack Marsh has talked with you about U.S. policy in Africa, particularly Rhodesia. I hope that you will consider my overall record as President and support me in Kansas City.
- 3) Thank you very much.

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August 9, 1976

RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: Jim Field

FROM: Jim Baker *JB*

RE: Mrs. Patricia Hans 2nd District Delegate
Chicago, Illinois
312/BE 8-8646 (H)

BACKGROUND:

Secretary Simon has spoken with Mrs. Hans twice during the last week. It is his impression that she will commit if the President calls her. She is very concerned about the President's choice for the Vice President. She would like to see a conservative on the ticket with the President. She could go with someone like Governor Connally or Senator Baker, but not with someone like Vice President Rockefeller or Senator Percy. Her delegate vote seems to depend on the President's choice.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION:

As we prepare to go to Kansas City, we feel confident that we are over the 1130 mark needed for nomination. (1134) However, the way the convention is viewed by the public will have a definite effect on the national and many of the state elections.

I know that you have remained uncommitted throughout the race but as we near convention time, it is imperative that we are unified.

With this in mind, I would appreciate it if you could find it possible to endorse my candidacy.

Regarding my choice for the Vice President, I am soliciting comprehensive information on various candidates, all of whom reflect moderate to conservative political philosophy.

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July 28, 1976

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FOR THE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : Jim Field

FROM : Jim Baker

RE : Mr. Calvin James (Cal)
Jewell, Kansas
(o) 913/738-2200
(h) 913/428-3245

DATE : A.S.A.P.

BACKGROUND : Mr. James is a retail clothier of men and boy's wear, 47 years old, married and has one child. He is very active in civic affairs and is a member of United Methodist Church. He is an organizational Republican, with 20 years as a precinct committeeman, was State Party Treasurer for 2 years and 1st District Chairman. He is currently chairman for Congressman Sibelius' re-election campaign. He has given private assurances of Ford support to several people, including Jim Baker. The purpose of the President's call is to solicit a public endorsement. His district is primarily an agricultural district and his concerns are agricultural.

TALKING POINTS :

1. Congratulate Mr. James on representing Kansas and the 1st Congressional District as a delegate to the National Convention.
2. Ask him for a public endorsement. He may raise the question of such a public endorsement hurting Congressman Sibelius' campaign because of his position as Chairman. The President can note that:
 - a) Sibelius has an approval rating in the 80% range
 - b) is in a strong re-election position
 - c) that an early wrapping up by a reasonable public margin will reduce inner party tension prior to convention and allow us to get started earlier in the general election

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July 29, 1976

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO : President Ford

FROM : *JBW* Jim Baker/Skip Watts *SW*

RE : JIM HARTDEGEN
Reagan delegate from Arizona
(602) 836-1107 - Home; (602) 836-2141 - Office

DATE : ASAP

BACKGROUND : Mr. Hartdegen is the Pinal County GOP Chairman in Arizona. He has been active in the Party for the past few years. He is a candidate for the state legislature and is hopeful about his political career.

Mr. Hartdegen has been a delegate committed to Reagan, but since the Schweiker announcement and due to his dislike for the antics of the Reagan forces in Arizona, he is reconsidering his commitment.

As you know, John Rhodes and Mrs. Peter (Freddy) Hershberger are the only Ford delegates elected in Arizona. Paul Haerle has been working on Hartdegen and other Arizona delegates for us.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION :

- 1) I understand you're a delegate to the National Convention and a candidate for the state legislature. You are to be commended for your dedication and sacrifice to the Party. I know these endeavors are time-consuming, but without determined individuals such as you, the GOP would be in trouble.
- 2) On the matter of the nomination race, how do you feel about Governor Reagan's choice of Senator Schweiker for his running mate?
- 3) Jim, I want you to know I'm quite confident I will be the Party's nominee. I would very much appreciate your support. Are you in a position to support me? (If not, moving to uncommitted is suggested.)



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July 22, 1976

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: JIM FIELD

FROM: JIM BAKER

RE: Mrs. Regina Pace
2009 Oak Lane
Corinth, Mississippi
601/286-8241 (H)

DATE: A.S.A.P.

BACKGROUND: The Mississippi delegation is anxious for the President to attend their meeting on July 30th in Jackson, Mississippi. Presently, 26 delegates and alternates are sending telegrams of support to the White House.

Dene Pace is an uncommitted delegate, leaning Ford. She teaches piano. She is a life-long Republican who wants a winner in November. She is fond of Carmichael and is President of the Republican Women of Mississippi. She is interested in a united Party.

TALKING POINTS:

1. We are gaining tremendous momentum in the campaign, and I hope very much that you personally will be supportive of my candidacy.
2. I would be very pleased to talk to you about any specific concerns you might have and wanted to take this opportunity to chat with you.

SPECIAL NOTE TO GRF

You should not get involved in the question of whether or not the delegates should vote to break the unit rule; that decision is best left up to the Mississippi PFC.

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August 10, 1976

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO : Jim Field
FROM :  Jim Baker/ Paul Manafort *PJM*
RE : Joseph Laurita, West Virginia Delegate
304/242-6441
DATE : By 8/12
BACKGROUND : Laurita is an uncommitted delegate, leaning Reagan. He is very interested in who the President chooses as his running mate.

Laurita, orginially, wanted to be the West Virginia PFC Chairman. After Seibert was chosen, Laurita's support of the President cooled. He is not close to Governor Moore.

Laurita ran for Attorney General and Congressman and is interested in running for public office in the future. He is very ambitious and rather opportunistic.

TALKING POINTS: "Joe, as we prepare to go to Kansas City we feel confident that we are over the 1130 needed (1134) However, the way the convention is viewed by the public will have a definite impact on the national and state elections.

"I know that you have remained uncommitted throughout the campaign but as we near Kansas City, it is imperative that we are unified.

"With this in mind, I would appreciate it if we can count on your support in Kansas City and your active participation in the general election.

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July 1, 1976

RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: Mrs. Betty Heitman
655 Waverly Drive
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806

504/926-0503

DATE: ASAP

RECOMMENDED BY: Jim Baker and Peter McPherson

BACKGROUND: Mrs. Heitman is the first Vice-President of the National Federation of Republican Women, and is interested in becoming the Chairman.

She ran as an uncommitted and won.

She is the campaign manager of Mr. Jack Braux of Zackary, a political division of Baton Rouge. The feeling is that Mayor Braux is one of the First strong GOP candidates for Mayor of Baton Rouge in a long time.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION:

- 1) I was pleased to speak with you when you came to the White House for the reception during your stay in Washington for the RNC meetings.
- 2) I would like to extend my compliments through you to the National Federation of Republican Women for the role the Federation plays in electing strong candidates. I feel that it is important that the Federation remain strong and an integral part of rebuilding the Republican Party.
- 3) I would like your support in Kansas City.

ACTION: _____



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August 11, 1976

RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: JIM FIELD
FROM: JIM BAKER *J. Baker*
RE: WARD TEEL (R)
Virginia Delegate
703/382-3380 (H)
703/382-0459 (O)

BACKGROUND: Mr. Teel, 52, is an at-large delegate from Christiansburg, Virginia. He is a member of the House of Delegates of the Virginia General Assembly, representing the sixth legislative district. He is partner in a dairy farm and President of a realty company.

Several sources have indicated to PFC delegate personnel that Teel's support for Ronald Reagan is soft. Teel was recently phoned by Ronald Reagan who purportedly asked him, "Are you for me?" Teel's answer was "I don't know." Teel is also reported to be very strong in his esteem for Senator Goldwater.

TALKING

POINTS:

- 1) I understand your having been elected as an opposition delegate but in light of recent developments, I was hoping I could count on your support in Kansas City.
- 2) We're extremely pleased with the way the momentum is developing for our campaign in Virginia and throughout the country, and of course, the support of men like Senator Goldwater and others will be invaluable in our general election effort.
- 3) Our campaign in Virginia will be organized at the grass-roots level and we certainly want to have you involved.
- 4) Betty and I look forward to seeing you in Kansas City.

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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FOR THE PRESIDENT

TO: JIM FIELD
FROM: JIM ^{9/16/75}BAKER/PAUL MANAFORT ^{PJM}
RE: TED BARR
West Virginia Delegate
304/529-4196 (O)
304/523-9750 (H)

BACKGROUND: Barr is publicly uncommitted but leaning Ford. He is Sheriff of Cabell County (Huntington) and up for re-election this year. Barr is presently very involved in the murder of a policeman last week.

He is very political and interested in who can help him in his re-election campaign. He has privately committed to Moore's Administrative Assistant, Tom Craig.

TALKING

POINTS:

- 1) As we are preparing to go to Kansas City, we feel confident that we are over the 1130 needed (1134). However, the way the convention is viewed by the public will have a definite impact on the general election.
- 2) I know that you have remained uncommitted throughout the race, but as we near Kansas City, it is imperative that we are unified.
- 3) With this end in mind, I would appreciate it if you could find it possible to endorse my candidacy.
- 4) I feel that I can help all Republicans campaigning for re-election this fall, and if possible, would like to campaign in West Virginia.

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AUGUST 6, 1976

RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: Jim Field

FROM: 
Jim Baker

RE: Eugene A. Smith "Gene" Uncommitted
Montevideo, Minn. Leaning Ford

DATE: ASAP

BACKGROUND: Gene Smith is a long time Republican who served in the State Legislature for one term, was defeated, and is running again. He is chairman of the 6th District GOP. He was elected as a Ford delegate, but is now uncommitted. His concern is Farm policy. He is from the same district as Vern Long, another uncommitted delegate who is leaning Ford strongly now.

TALKING POINTS:

- 1.) Sec. Butz has expressed to me your concerns about farm policy. The farmer is the foundation of our economy and particularly our export market. My administration's policies have been designed to promote orderly growth and stability in farm income.
- 2.) Smith believes firmly that the President should be making a statement on agriculture. The President might well discuss this with him.

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#2 - mentioning Connally.

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8/17/76

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