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Delaware State Senator Pete Hughes

Monday - August 16, 1976 4:/5 5:35 P.M.

The President's Office

President Ford Committee

1828 L STREET, N.W., SUITE 250, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036 (202) 457-6400

REQUESTED TELEPHONE CALL FOR THE PRESIDENT

TO:

State Senator

C.E. (PETE) HUGHES

Delegate from Delaware

302/798-0480 (h); 302/678-4134 or 792-2553 (o)

DATE:

ASAP

RECOMMENDED

BY:

JIM BAKER

PURPOSE:

To get the Senator to agree to let the President Ford Committee use his name in a public announcement of the list of delegates shifting from uncommitted to the President which will put the President over the top

for the nomination.

BACKGROUND: The President has previously spoken to Senator Hughes and has been privately assured of his vote in the convention. Hughes, however, has not been publically postured and the President Ford Committee would like to lock him up.

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DISCUSSION: I appreciate your support, Pete and would like to request permission to have the PFC include you in a list of uncommitted delegates who are committing their support to me in Kansas City.

> This list will put us over the top, formally, and is extremely important to me because it will turn the attention of the media toward the November election and give us a tremendous lift in the campaign.

If it's alright with you I'll have Jim Baker call you from the PFC and work out the details of the announcement -- you may want to make a simultaneous one in Delaware.

Betty and I look forward to seeing you in Kansas City and expressing our thanks in person.

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ACTION:	