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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

PRESIDENTIAL BRIEFING PAPER

August 16, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JIM FIELD
SUBJECT: Black Ford Delegates and Alternates Caucus
WHEN: 4:30 - 6:00 p.m., August 17, 1976
WHERE: Centennial Room B, Crown Center Hotel

BACKGROUND: There will be approximately 110 Black delegates and alternates in attendance from the following states: Alabama, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Illinois, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, the Virgin Islands and Wisconsin.

All the delegates and alternates present are publicly committed to the President with the exception of the following:

OKLAHOMA: Mrs. Lennie Tolliver (committed morally to Reagan but leaning to Ford)

NEW JERSEY: Bill Stubbs (uncommitted but has advised me that he will vote for Ford)

PENNSYLVANIA: Clarence "Buck" Thompson

LOUISIANA: Ben Harbor (committed to Reagan on first ballot, but he is pro-Ford.

NEW YORK: Gloria Toot (originally supported the President now uncommitted; former Asst. Secretary of HUD; left under less than favorable conditions.
John McNeel (bound by law, but supports the President).

Strong Reagan supporters were not invited to this meeting. Senator Ed Brooke is the host and Bob Keyes, the PFC Black Delegate Coordinator is the staff attending.

PURPOSE:

The caucus will give the Black delegates and alternates an opportunity to discuss their major areas of concern with the President.

SUGGESTED
FORMAT:

1. Brief remarks
2. Question and answer session.