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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 20, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: WARREN HENDRIKS
FROM: MIKE DUVAL *Mike*
SUBJECT: JACK FORD

Attached are some quotes of Jack Ford put together by Peter Roussel. They are excellent.

You may find them appropriate material for your spokesmen.

cc: Jerry Jones
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Jack Ford

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April 14, 1976
CONTACT: Peter Roussel

FROM THE HUMOR DESK

When Jack Ford was asked at his Austin news conference yesterday how being a President's son has affected his social life, he nodded toward the Secret Service agents accompanying him and said wryly, "It has presented problems."

One reporter noting the agents then asked, "Do they go out on dates?"

To which young Ford quipped, "Only when they can get them."

OTHER JACK FORD COMMENTS



On Ronald Reagan:

"I think most polls indicate Ronald Reagan is ahead (in Texas) with identifiable Republican voters. I think you have to look at the situation as it is and be very truthful about it. It's probably not good for a candidate to say I'm behind here - especially when the candidate is the President of the United States - but that's the way it is."

On a Republican carrying Texas in November:

"Looking at many of the Democratic candidates, I think a Republican has a very good chance of carrying Texas . . ."

On touring college campuses:

"The economic issues seem to be most prominent with students, plus the issue of honesty in government. They're looking much more closely at candidates. Is he going to double talk me or lay it out as it is? One of my father's best areas of support seems to be with 18-30 year olds...I think his honesty - whatever the situation - is responsible..."

He hasn't been afraid to stand up and say the economy is bad when it is instead of trying to make some flowery statement that doesn't deal in fact."

On the pardon:

"I happen to think the sooner we put that behind us the better."

On his father's candidacy:

"He's run on his record...He's gotten a good response to it...Lots of doomsayers - particularly on the economy - were predicting the total collapse of the country, but are now eating a bit of crow..."

On his father being forced to move to the right:

"I don't think he's been forced to take positions one way or another that are at all inconsistent with Administration policy...We were pressing for an increase in defense procurement expenditures two years ago in the first official Ford budget. Where were Mr. Reagan and others then who are trying to make political hay out of this issue now?"

On Ronald Reagan's continuance as a candidate:

"I happen to think it's helped our campaign...competition never hurts anyone. I think its solidified our position within the Republican Party as that which the majority in the party feels most comfortable with... Obviously there are factions on both sides in any party, be it Republican or Democrat, but I think we've touched the mainstream of the party throughout the primaries..."

More on his father's candidacy:

"In terms of the family, I think there's a misunderstanding about a quote in which I said I wished he wouldn't run or be President again. That's a personal selfish feeling on my part. I had a happy life - I was very pleased with my life. I didn't feel I was missing out on anything... But I also have a position as a citizen in this country, as a voter, as an individual concerned about our government which is different than my selfish interest. So I have to choose a candidate and that candidate happens to be my father."

On the oil depletion allowance:

"Mr. Reagan's rhetoric about re-instituting the oil depletion allowance might endear him in the hearts of some Texas Republicans but the facts are you can't get it through Congress so why go out and promise things you can't deliver on."

