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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 1, 1976

Dick,

Here are the points that Goldwater might make in California. Ideally, they could be incorporated into a 5-minute clip for radio and perhaps TV.

If Goldwater won't do it, maybe someone else can be found.

I can get a 5-minute speech written by cob today if there is any chance of doing it.

Mike



Points for BG

- In 1964 California Republicans, by their vote in the primary, gave me the nomination. My heart is with Californians and my good friend RR. Thus, I hope you will let me present my views.
- I know that we must return a Republican to the White House. The Nation is at the fork in the road. We are choosing between the right and responsibility of governing ourselves versus the abdication of our destiny to the government itself. Between a Republican philosophy which relies on the individual or the Democrats -- in Congress and the White House -- who rely on federal programs and federal bureaucrats.
- I know that a divided Republican party that rejects an incumbent President cannot hope to beat any Democratic candidate. The Democrats outnumber us 2 to 1. The more ideological we are, the more overwhelming the vote against us. In this post-Watergate period we can only win the Presidency with a united party and the Presidency.
- This is not a question of sacrificing principles for winning an election. Both Ford and Reagan are strong conservatives.
- The June vote of Republicans need not be only a proxy for August. It can ensure the election of a Republican in November. If President Ford wins here (in California) he can unite our party and together we can beat the Democrats. It is our only chance.
- I believe RR should serve our country in Washington. Perhaps a key post involving the national defense. But no Republican will serve for the next four years if the Republican Party rejects its incumbent President or if Gerald Ford must run against the majority party after a divisive fight in Kansas City.
- The stakes are too high to gamble. We must retain the White House because the Democrats in control of Congress and the White House will destroy the essence of our national strength -- the right of individual citizens to govern their own lives.
- If California votes for Gerald Ford in this primary, he can unite our Party and we will win in November.

