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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 20, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY
FROM: MIKE DUVAL *Mike*
SUBJECT: INAUGURAL PLANNING

I talked to Warren Hendriks about some preliminary planning for the Inauguration. Warren, quite correctly, points out that many Inaugural decisions require long lead times, and thus some preliminary "bipartisan" planning should begin.

While this is unquestionably accurate in terms of the logistical pressure, I believe it would be a great mistake politically. I know from personal knowledge that these logistical decisions can be put off until after the election.

I believe that President Ford should not be associated in any way whatsoever with Inaugural planning before he wins the election. I would hope Jimmy Carter will send representatives because I think all this transition/Inaugural activity on his part hurts him politically. The voters do not like to be taken for granted.

