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**THE WHITE HOUSE**

WASHINGTON

November 13, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD B. CHENEY *RB*

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Senator Goldwater,  
4:15 PM, Thursday, November 13th

The following points are based upon my conversations with Bryce Harlow and Bill Baroody, Sr. They are suggestions for your consideration in preparation for your meeting with the Senator.

It is our judgment that you should be both complimentary in soliciting the Senator's advice on some important problems, and very firm in pressing him for a firm commitment to publicly endorse your candidacy.

1. You may want to discuss the George Bush nomination to be CIA Director. You should express your strong, personal conviction that George is ideally suited to become Director of the CIA. You should also express a little anger at the liberal Democrats and those who are trying to destroy the intelligence community for questioning Bush's credentials.

You may want to ask the Senator, in light of his personal knowledge of George's qualifications and his role with the Senate Select Committee on intelligence, to do whatever he can to help us win the confirmation fight.

2. The Senator is a member of the Armed Services Committee and has been involved in the confirmation hearings on Rumsfeld. You may want to ask him how the confirmation process is going.



3. Indicate that Justice Douglas' resignation presents you with a very significant decision. One of the most important things any President ever does is to select Supreme Court Justices. The decision you now face may be the single most important decision you will make during your first term of office.

Indicate that you have strong feelings about the kind of individual you want to nominate. Among other things, you do not want to make a "cosmetic appointment". The individual you select must be someone who agrees with you on strict constructionist views of the Constitution. Someone who is perceived as a man of stature in the Judicial Committee, and someone obviously young enough to serve on the Court for many years to come.

You can then indicate that you value the Senator's wisdom and judgment and would like to have his thoughts on the criteria that should be used to select a nominee and also his recommendations on potential candidates.

4. After discussing the above subjects, you should go directly and firmly to the question of the Presidential campaign. You should explain your determination to run an effective, aggressive campaign, both for the nomination and in the general election.

You should also explain your deeply held belief that the Republican Party must be united in 1976 if we are to have any chance of winning in November.

The Democrats outnumber us better than two to one. The new campaign reform laws eliminates the traditional financial advantage enjoyed by the Republican Party, and we are coming out of a very difficult economic recession. Given all of these factors, any divisiveness within the Party will do fundamental harm to the prospects of a Republican victory and, therefore, harm the country.



You should indicate that you believe Governor Reagan is a sincere, dedicated man, that you have always admired and respected his loyalty to the Party and to the Nation.

However, you also believe that Governor Reagan's candidacy simply cannot succeed. If through some unforeseeable set of circumstances the President did not win the nomination, it could only happen after a bitter primary struggle which would make it impossible to win in November.

The most likely outcome of a serious challenge at this time is one in which the President is renominated but presides over a weakened Party because of a contest for the nomination.

In light of the above, it is more important than ever that Senator Goldwater indicate now his commitment to a united Republican Party and to the candidacy of Gerald Ford. That commitment should be public, it must be firm and it must occur in the next few days. The Senator is in a position to make a decision which is essential for the health of the Republican Party and the good of the nation.

*P.S. It is important that the Senator not discuss your talk about the Supreme Court with anyone. It will make others angry such as HRUSKA, et. al.*

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November 13, 1975

MR. PRESIDENT:

It is very important that you be very firm with Senator Goldwater. He has to know that the bottom line is that you need him now, not later, and that you need him publicly, not just privately.

He may raise the question of his son's potential candidacy in California. You can reassure him that you stand ready to do whatever you can to help Barry, Jr. capture the Republican nomination and defeat Senator Tunney in the general election. You can also point out that your campaign Chairman in California, Dennis Carpenter, who is very close to both Goldwaters, has endorsed not only your candidacy, but also that of Barry, Jr.

The down-side risk of Senator Goldwater endorsing you is minimal. The potential danger to the nation of his failure to endorse your candidacy is considerable.

You may not be able to obtain a commitment from the Senator at this time, but we cannot afford to let him off the hook, and you should be very tough and very forceful in seeking his commitment. This is no time to be understanding or sympathetic with respect to his perceived problems.

Dick Cheney

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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

July 21, 1976

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

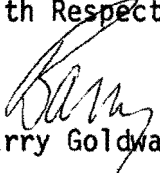
As you may have heard, I attended the Democratic National Convention as an employee of ABC to observe and to make an occasional comment. I am afraid my occasional comments were chopped up at times, but that is beside the point.

There was one very peculiar thing that came out of this entire convention that you may or may not have heard about, but I want to pass it on to you. I picked this up from talking with delegates in my hotel and in other hotels and on the street, and the whole thing bundles down to, "Carter who?" As much as it might have seemed from the ovations at the final session, many, many people, Democrats, left that convention with grave doubts about Carter's ability or, and I hate to say this, his honesty.

Frankly, his acceptance speech was the best catalogued, strongest condemnation of this Congress that I have ever heard, and I have had some pretty strong things to say about this Congress myself. I have no idea what your plans are or what the plans of the Republican Party are, relative to the attacks to be made on Mr. Carter, but I would take that acceptance speech and just rip the living daylights out of him on it day after day after day. It is so filled with inaccuracies, so filled with downright misstatements and lies that I don't think there is any way that they can possibly answer, and answer them in a satisfactory way to the American people.

Mr. President, as you know, I am vitally concerned about this election. I want you to be re-elected but, Mr. President, this is not going to happen if we just sit by and do not devote the best of our talents, the best of everything we can get, to straightening the American people out as to who has brought on war, who has brought on inflation, and who has brought on concern. I know of how you are going about this, but please, let's get the best help we can--and there is great help available around this country.

With Respect,

  
Barry Goldwater



July 23, 1976

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RSC -  
Do you want  
to show this to  
the President?  
KBJ

Dear Barry:

This is to acknowledge receipt and thank you for your letter of July 21 to the President.

Be assured that I will give it to him without delay.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Barry Goldwater  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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