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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Reverend Billy Graham
(704) 669-6421

DATE: September 6-10, 1976

RECOMMENDED BY: Richard S. Brannon *RSB*

PURPOSE: To communicate with Dr. Graham about the election and seek his ideas.

BACKGROUND: Billy Graham has publicly taken the position that a person's religious faith should not be the overriding factor in qualifying him to be President.

Despite pressure from some evangelicals and from Jimmy Carter, Graham plans to remain neutral in the elections this year.

Privately, Billy, his wife Ruth and most of his staff are going to vote for President Ford.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

1. The President could ask Dr. Graham what he thinks about the election this year and ask if he has any suggestions to offer.
2. The President values his friendship and welcomes his guidance at any time.
3. We all appreciate the great work in which he is engaged. We understand that the Crusade in Southern California was highly successful.

September 3, 1976

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WASHINGTON

Dick

A week ago I
talked with Billy Graham
& he indicated willingness
to come up for visit to W.H.
I wrote note to you of
Dick Graham.
What is story?

done

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dick

Excellent conversation.
Will help in many ways
& has.

He is putting on a
Coursade in Michigan at the
new Pontiac Stadium about
Oct 10th.

He wonders if it would
be helpful & appropriate for
Betty or me to attend.

I asked him to stop by here.
Very willing - free us about 10
days. Talk with me.

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