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Dick Cheney

TALKING POINTS

Well, I've had better Wednesdays. (Said with a smile.)

Obviously, I am not pleased with the Indiana results. We had expected to do better. It's clear this is going to be a tough fight right through to Kansas City.

Nonetheless the bulk of the delegates will be selected in the weeks ahead and I anticipate capturing the majority of those delegates and winning in Kansas City in August.

Q: Do you plan any shift in your campaign strategy?

A: Certainly we will be reviewing our plans over the next few days, seeking ways to improve and strengthen our efforts. My main responsibility, however, is to do my job as President. I will continue to do my best to ensure peace and prosperity for the American people and then let the voters decide based on the record of the last 21 months.

Q: Do you think crossover voting was a factor?

A: We haven't completed our analysis of the Indiana results yet. It does appear that in states where crossover voting is permitted, and as a result of the collapse of the Wallace candidacy, we are being hurt by dissident Democrats voting in the GOP primary. Clearly that was the case in Texas and it's something we'll have to watch for in future primaries.

Q: Broder column - Doesn't this bitter GOP contest reduce the likelihood of a Republican victory in the fall, and help Jimmy Carter?

A: Certainly. The longer our fight goes on the more difficult it will be to unify the Party to win in November.

Q: What issues do you think Reagan used most effectively against you in Indiana?

A: I don't have any way of knowing until we complete our analysis. Clearly he seems to be making an impact with some of his rhetorical charges.



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Q: Do you agree with Senator Goldwater's assessment of Governor Reagan's statements on the Panama Canal?

A: Yes, I do.