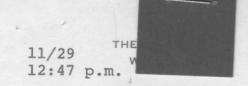
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Mr. Smith:

Mr. Ratchford dropped by to say that the people from National Archives would be here about 2 p.m. (There will be 3 of them, counting Mr. Ratchford) They will come to your office.

Neta

Mr. Smith: Please call Mr. Ratchford when you return. The men from National Archives are down in his office. (7054)

Neta

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

Nov. 29, 1976 9:55 a.m.

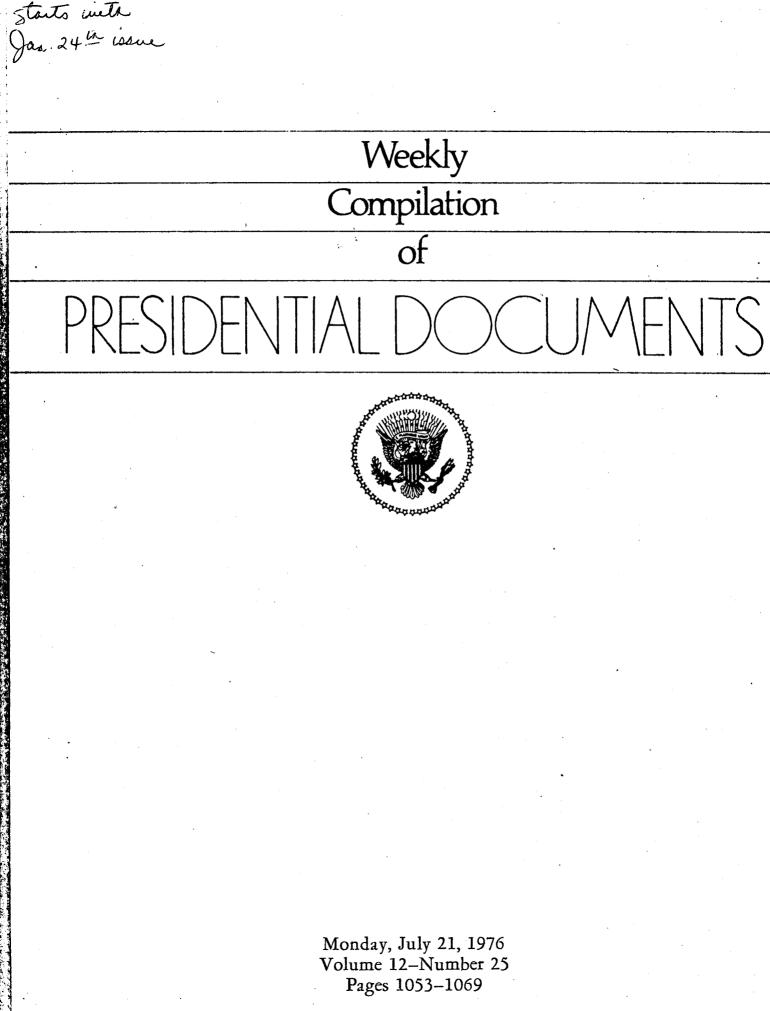
Mr. Hartmann:

Mr. Ratchford dropped by and left the attached.

They need to know who they can sit down with and go over which photos should be included in the 1975 Public Papers of the President.

You had another message from Mr. Ratchford about this.

Neta



Administration of Gerald R. Ford

PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS

Week Ending Friday, June 18, 1976

Springfield, Missouri

The President's Remarks to Reporters Upon Arrival at Springfield Municipal Airport. June 11, 1976

THE PRESIDENT. Thank you very, very much, Kit. I appreciate the hospitality here in Missouri. I am looking forward to spending a good part of the rest of the day here. I hope to meet as many as possible—all of them if possible—the 1,400-and-some delegates to the Republican convention in Missouri.

I will talk affirmatively about the progress that we have made in this country under the Ford administration for the last 22 months. We have restored the confidence of the American people in the White House. We have turned the economy around. We have made real headway in the battle against inflation, and we have added significantly to the number of jobs in the country to an all-time high of 87,700,000 as of May. And we, of course, have achieved the peace. No Americans are dying on any battlefield and overseas at the present time. And we are going to just talk affirmatively about peace, prosperity, and trust.

I will be glad to answer any questions.

Q. President Ford, is this fierce fight for the nomination in your opinion creating a split in the Republican Party and, if so, can it be healed by November?

THE PRESIDENT. I don't think it necessarily causes an irreparable split in the Republican Party. The people who are Republicans in the various States, I believe, will join together after the convention in Kansas City.

Q. Mr. President, what is the White House estimate of your lead as of now?

THE PRESIDENT. We feel that we are getting very close to the one thousand mark in delegates which means that we have to get something less than 200 more delegates to get the nomination, and we think we will. Q. How many more than Reagan?

THE PRESIDENT. We figure 100 or more.

Q. At this point?

THE PRESIDENT. Yes.

Q. Mr. President, will you continue to attempt to raid Reagan delegates while you are here in Missouri?

THE PRESIDENT. I hope we can talk to all delegates and make sure that they understand what the differences are, the record that I have. We think all elected delegates to the national convention ought to have an open mind and have an opportunity to listen to all sides.

Q. Mr. President, what are the issues you plan to present to the 19 Missouri delegates to add to your collection before going to Kansas City?

THE PRESIDENT. The record of the Ford administration for the last 22 months which is peace, prosperity, and trust. It's a record that I am proud of, and it's a record that I think will give us victory in November of 1976.

REPORTER. Thank you very much.

THE PRESIDENT. Good to see you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:50 p.m.

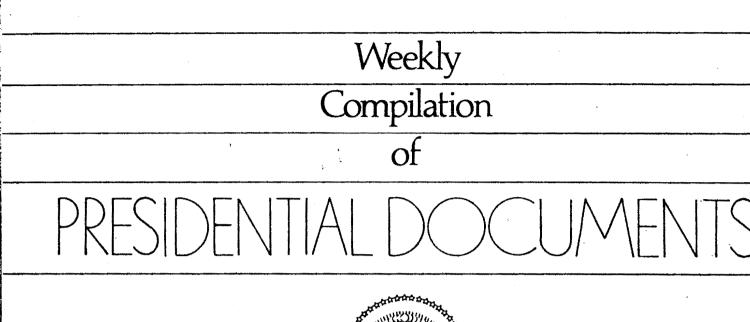
Springfield, Missouri

The President's Remarks at a Republican Party Reception for Delegates Attending the Missouri Republican Convention. June 11, 1976

Governor Bond, Senators Tower, Baker, and Dole, Lieutenant Governor Phelps, Attorney General Danforth, Lowell McCuskey, Gene McNary, Rog Morton, delegates, and guests:

It's great to be back in Missouri. I love it.

As many of you know, I have been in Missouri a great many times campaigning for Republican candidates for all offices. As many of you know, I have been in Missouri a great many times to help raise money so we could have a strong two-party system in the great State of Missouri.





Bicentennial Issue

Third Quarter July–September 1976 Volume 12–1976

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

November 8, 1976

Mr. Hartmann:

John Ratchford dropped by to see you re: final approval on the 1975 edition of the PRESIDENTIAL PAPERS.

He said that he would like you or someone that you would designate, to finalize approval on photographs to be used, and decide which proclamations should go in, etc.

He needs approval this month if it is going to be out by January. Margaret O'DOnahue at Archives is the person who will bring the proofs over for you to review. The liaison people with the Archives' :x 2121.

Ratchford: 7054

**I spoke with RTH who asked that Mr. Ratchford wait until he returns with the President or a few days later to give approval. If there is a problem, please send to Palm Springs with the courier.

Gail

December 3, 1976 FIRST DRAFT

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

December 16, 1976

Mr. Smith:

Pursuant to your conversation with Milt re: the forward to the 1975 edition of Presidential Papers...

Neta had never seen it, Mr. Hartmann has never seen it and I have never seen it.

I called Milt, he said that he gave it to Bob Orben on December 3. He brought a copy of it over and gave it to RTH. Attached is your copy. Gail

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