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[May 1976?]

BACKGROUND MATERIAL FROM REP. CHALMERS WYLIE FOR  
CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO OHIO

Rep. Wylie himself called and gave the following issues:

ECONOMY: His constituents are worried about rekindling inflation by stimulating the economy through false programs. Feels that we need more money in the private sector to support jobs.

ENERGY: High utility rate increases including gas supplies. Ohio uses more natural gas than any other state. Rep. Wylie said that deregulation is favored, but with some controls. He also mentioned that Governor Rhodes has made shale gas a big issue in the state.

Solar Energy Research - Battell Memorial Institute has done a lot of work with solar energy research and coal gasification.

DEMOCRATIC CONTROLLED CONGRESS: Congress is a big issue in his District. It is felt that the Congress has done nothing. Rep. Wylie said that the President needs to present himself as a leader. He should bring out that he has come up with his own programs and he has not been able to get them passed because of the Democratic Congress. He should show that the Democrats have not come up with a program of their own either for energy or the economy.

PANAMA CANAL: Rep. Wylie said that his constituents feel that the U.S. should never give up the Panama Canal. To consider giving it up would be symbolic of our becoming a second rate power such as Great Britian has become. Our money and blood, sweat and tears built the canal and they do not want to have a small time dictator make us give it up.

BACKGROUND MATERIAL FROM REP. DELBERT LATTA FOR  
CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO OHIO

There is one issue that is on the farmers minds more than any other factor and that is the farm embargo situation.

Rep. Latta thinks that the President could justify what has happened by stating that the President had no other recourse at the time since the longshoremen were refusing to load ships and some action had to be taken. But that he wants to assure the farmers that he cannot foresee any circumstance in the future whereby such means would have to be resorted to.

BACKGROUND MATERIAL FROM REP. CHARLES MOSHER FOR  
CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO OHIO

1. Stories that appeared in the Cleveland Plain Dealer last month regarding the water level of the Great Lakes and, an incorrect summary of the Administration's views which indicated that the President favored "draining the lakes by expanding the water flow through the channels at Niagara Falls."

Water levels are a very sensitive issue in this area. People are afraid that expanding the channels would create dry lake beds during the dry seasons.

2. In Northern Ohio there is a great deal of support for Cuyahoga Valley Regional Park - this has been authorized but not purchased.

SOME FALSE ISSUES THAT HAVE MUCH PUBLICITY

- (a) Great deal of publicity about proposed legislation dealing with Day Care and Child Care - particularly the Child and Family Service Act.
- (b) Petition that had been presented to the FCC regarding the limiting of the number of religious broadcasts. The FCC rejected the petition and fundamentalist church groups are claiming legislation is responsible.

\*NOTE: Marc Rosenberg, Rep. Mosher's L.A., said that sometime next week the Congressman will put out a statement agreeing with the Administration position on the Panama Canal.

BACKGROUND MATERIAL FROM CONGRESSMAN TENNYSON  
GUYER FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE  
PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO OHIO

Congressman Guyer said that the President should plan to visit Ohio before the June 8th primary. If he does visit the 4th District, the best place would be Lima. The State Republican Chairman, Kent McGough, lives in Lima, and it is the largest city in the 4th District.

Right now they are in the process of building a Federal building in Lima. This is the only Federal building in Lima and the President might want to make a congratulation statement.

Should a decision be made on the Lima Tank Depot (Department of Army project to build XM1 tanks). They were advised that a decision would be made on this before July. There couldn't be a better time for the President to make an announcement on this if it is favorable. This would mean 1200 jobs to the area.

The President should reemphasize his estate tax exemption plan. Everybody is in favor of this. All farm organizations are also in favor. Congressman Guyer presently has a bill that would raise the estate tax exemption from \$60,000 to \$200,000.

He should not mention the Panama Canal at all, unless he mentions that we do not intend to give it away. Don't try to explain the Reagan accusations, would be a waste of time. Don't mention Secretary of State at all.

He believes very strongly that the President should emphasize buying American products, particularly automobiles. There are 14,000 auto workers in the district.

There are a lot of farmers in the district. He should mention the profitable export of our grain to foreign countries, not particularly Russia. \$22 billion a year from export of grain.

Compliment the people on the 200th birthday of the nation. Stress that life never has been easy and very few people ever celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary because they never lived that long. People started to work when they were nine years old and 95% of the people lived in the country.

Talk about the three problems of economy, energy and employment and give some rosy figures of improvements.

BACKGROUND MATERIAL FROM CONGRESSMAN WILLIS GRADISON  
FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S  
TRIP TO OHIO

The First District of Ohio is Hamilton County, the Cincinnati area.

Generally those things that have probably not been getting adequate coverage in other areas of the United States, will get good coverage in Ohio:

Spending/inflation/getting mad at the Congress and talking about the good job that the President is doing.

The Congressman does a lot of door to door campaigning and town meetings. He is finding that the people are very interested in government spending. They feel it is very courageous of the President to veto bills that would spend more money.

The second reason why the President will get good coverage is because the President and Editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer is Bill Keating, former Member of Congress and a good friend of the President. This newspaper is the one that reaches the most Republicans in Cincinnati.

Spending of the Congress and inflation as the overall basic theme, we see the following ways that those would appeal:

- 1) The Congress is rather irresponsible. We are Members of Congress and we run against the Congress. The tougher he gets on this the better.
- 2) The President took over the country in the straits of terrible economic condition. By his vetoes and pretty progressive movements, the Administration completely turned around by using private enterprise. Talk about the money saved the American taxpayers by the vetoes. How much inflation is going down. Talk about Congress would have sure blamed the President if things wouldn't have turned out good after he picked up the ball. Tell how the President was the one that made it work.

- 3) Might want to point out that there are 3 million more jobs in America since Gerald Ford has become President and when the Democrats talk about government jobs and millions of dollars creating them, they are only talking about 600,000 jobs at the most.

People are talking about getting people back to work, Gerald Ford is doing it.

Talk to America, not just have a press conference. Go out and talk to the people in shopping centers, etc. Eliminate the middleman (press) in getting votes.

The B1 bomber issue should be talked about in Cincinnati. This is the back door way of talking about defense. The President as a Member of Congress was on the Armed Forces Committee. Give his background support of this.

Don't talk about any issue that isn't domestic, because the people in Ohio really don't care to hear about it at this time. Not interested in the Panama Canal, etc. Don't bring these subjects up.

People feel that the President has done a good job and we think he should get the credit. Move the middleman (press) out of the picture.



BACKGROUND MATERIAL FROM CONGRESSMAN BUD BROWN  
FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S  
TRIP TO OHIO

The 7th District is mainly a rural agricultural area. The President's estate tax exemption bill is a good issue. The people prefer \$200,000 to \$150,000, but basically approve. Don't overlook the small businessman in this program.

Bad things

There is still an ill feeling on the grain embargo. Some of the people viewed as the President working with George Meany. When the President spoke to the Ohio Farm Bureau Chairmen at the White House recently he defused to some extent, but there is still some problem. If given the proper platform, the President should confront the problem directly.

Economy

The people are still worried about inflation, even though it is getting better. Their mail reflects an anti-government feeling and tone. The district is basically conservative and feel that the welfare program and food stamp program should be tightened up.

Unemployment

Situation is getting better. President should be aware that UAW contract is up in September or October. There will probably be a strike. There are people still laid off at International Harvester and people are concerned about it. There is presently a rubber workers strike in Akron. Probably be long and ugly.

Bank Legislation

They received a lot of mail from bankers who were against Congressman Reuss's bill, which has not yet gotten out of the Committee.

Jim Lynn of OMB will be making a speech at Marion County Republican fundraising dinner on May 22nd

Explain fiscal responsibility in a positive way. Don't sound negative.

BACKGROUND MATERIAL FROM CONGRESSMAN DON CLANCY FOR  
CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP  
TO OHIO

Big government and government spending are probably the two biggest issues that the office gets mail on from Ohio. A recent editorial talked about the bureaucracy and how it expands and used FEA as an example of creating an agency for every crisis. Constituents are concerned about the amount of Federal spending and the number of agencies of support.

The people of Ohio are generally anti-abortion and anti-gun control.

Local Issue

The water in Cincinnati was recently fluoridated and the people are upset about it ~~and~~ that it will cause cancer. This is a very explosive issue and should be avoided if at all possible.

BACKGROUND MATERIAL FROM CONGRESSMAN TOM KINDNESS  
FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S  
TRIP TO OHIO

Ohio Department of Public Welfare is running into a deficit largely because of the way the Democrat controlled General Assembly has treated biennial budget, but a U. S. District Court decision in Columbus ruling that medicaid could not be suspended because of Federal mandates, gives this problem a Federal flavor. It is best not to invite discussion on this.

2 court actions pending, one civil and one criminal. State of Ohio closing private Christian schools by non-certification of schools. This is a disturbing issue in Central and Western Ohio.

Disaffection for Secretary Kissinger is considerable in the Central and Southwestern parts of the State.

Panama Canal issue is becoming somewhat better understood. Panama Canal is favored in most of State.

The 1975 grain embargo is still festering in the agricultural regions of the state. The National Farm Bureau speech helped a lot, but it still is a sore spot with farmers. The President's position on estate tax has helped in farming areas. Secretary Butz seems to be well accepted in Ohio.

Better to make no comment on the Dayton school controversy, but be aware of it.

Positive areas to discuss

People don't understand the veto power. He should set forth positively on this and explain how much money was not added to the Federal debt by these vetoes.

Protecting the interests of the United States around the world through a strong defense posture.

Home construction and the money crunch of growing interest with the springtime interest in home buying. Tie in with government spending.

BACKGROUND MATERIAL FROM CONGRESSMAN STANTON FOR  
CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO OHIO

The 11th district in northeastern Ohio includes the suburbs of Youngstown, Akron, and Cleveland. It has probably the most heavily concentrated Republican vote in northeastern Ohio.

Mentor, Ohio, is the home of former Republican President James A. Garfield. A city of 50,000 people, it is known as the fastest growing city in the State of Ohio, as the 11th district is known as fastest growing Congressional district in the State of Ohio.

Mentor and the entire district are "export oriented". Mentor has a large Caterpillar tractor plant used for building forklift trucks. The district along the northern shore is also known for chemical plants like Diamond Alkali and the largest plant in Ohio - Union Carbide. Residents of the district work at export oriented firms like TRW, Eaton Manufacturing, and Terex (the international headquarters of General Motors' heavy truck division).

Positive: Economy is moving stronger every week. Much is made of unemployment new claims dropping every week. People especially happy about the decrease in inflation.

Concerns: Both businesses and farmers are worried about increased dependence on foreign sources for energy. Operations independence would be a popular issue.

Negative: (1) Residents blame everybody, including President, for lack of energy policy. (2) People have a distrust of Kissinger's policies. There is no love for the Soviet Union.

General: He will be talking to Bob Hughes in Cleveland about the possibility of the President coming into the east side of Cuyahoga County instead of a trip into the Cleveland airport and then a ride of 15 miles to downtown Cleveland -- a lot of people are there, but they aren't Republican voters. He would like to see the President fly into Cuyahoga County Airport if they can handle Air Force One. This would coordinate a maximum concentration of Republicans in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, and our area.

It is absolutely essential that the President be seen while traveling in northern Ohio with Bob Hughes, Bob Taft, and people like Congressman Stanton because a terrible decision was made (by the state Republican committee) a month ago to removed their names as delegates on the ballot and instead only place names of Reagan and Ford, rather than individuals.

Generalities: Youngstown Airport is also located in the 11th district but at the southern tip. To get maximum exposure in the district, Mr. Stanton would like to see the President fly into Cuyahoga County airport, travel by motorcade (or preferably helicopter), and have Air Force One moved to either Youngstown or Akron-Canton airport and have the President pick it up there.

The area 25 miles east, west, and south of Mentor is heaviest Republican concentration in northeastern Ohio.

\*The President's decision on specialty steel is a very important issue, especially with Timkin Roller Bearing in Canton and Republic Steel.

\*\* "I think the most important Republican in Ohio is still Ray Bliss, by far. His accompanying the President, depending on his health, is very important."

Efforts should be coordinated in the Cincinnati area with the President's good friend, Bill Keating, editor and publisher of the Cincinnati Inquirer.

Presidential Trip - INDIANA

Sunday, May 2 - leave Andrews AFB at 6:20 p.m. (Cong. should be at VIP Lounge between 5:45 and 6:00).

Political trip; no wives invited; will be assessed equivalent commercial air fare by Ford for President Committee.

*invited 4/30  
am*

Hillis

*NO — already in Indiana (until Mon.)  
Barbara — x 5037*

Myers, John

~~YES~~  
*NO*

*Cheryl Hardin x 5805*



Presidential Trip - ALABAMA

Monday, May 3 - leave Birmingham at 6:55 p.m., arrive Andrews 9:30  
(subject to change).

Political trip; no wives invited; will be assessed equivalent commercial  
air fare by Ford for President Committee.

*invited 4/30 em*

Edwards, Jack - *NO (going from Birmingham to Mobile)*  
*Charlotte x 4931*

Dickinson, Bill - *YES* *Brenda x 2901*

Buchanan, John - *Yes - NO (staying to vote for President on Tuesday)*  
*Jennine Mann x 4921*  
*4:45*





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

5/4

Invite:

<i>regret</i>	Bill Randall	2876	<i>map</i>	<i>11:20 - regret</i>
<i>Regret</i>	Gene Taylor	6536	<i>Frank</i>	<i>1:55</i>
<i>regret</i>	Dick Ichord	5155	<i>Betty</i>	
<i>Yes -</i>	<i>Dick Balling</i>	<i>4535</i>	<i>Delores</i>	<i>4:10</i>
<i>Regret -</i>	<i>Bill Hungate</i>		<i>Jackie</i>	<i>called 5/5 Rosie 1:25</i>

for return trip to Washington from Independence, Missouri, aboard Air Force-1.

The Presidential party will be returning from Independence approximately 4:30 or 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 8.

Since this portion of the trip is non-political, there will be no charge.

*no wives.*

*5/7 - 12:25*  
*- relayed to Delores (Cong. Balling)*  
*motorcade to Truman Library*

*KC Municipal Airport*  
*Andrews AFB*

*5:15 pm*

*5:45*

*8:50*



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 7, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF

THROUGH:

CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *CLJ.*

FROM:

TOM LOEFFLER *TL.*

SUBJECT:

Background Information  
for the President's Visit  
to Tennessee

Enclosed are comments from Congressman Robin Beard and  
Congressman John Duncan on important issues in the State  
of Tennessee.

Enclosures

BACKGROUND MATERIAL FROM CONGRESSMAN ROBIN BEARD  
FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S  
VISIT TO TENNESSEE

Memphis would be the best place to go in the 6th District. Also, the Tri-Cities area of the 1st District or the Knoxville area of the 2nd District. He did go to the 2nd District for a domestic forum last year.

The biggest issue in the State is the economy.

Local issues

Memphis area - If he wants to discuss busing, this would be the place to discuss it because it is the only place where it is still a heated topic.

The crime rate in Memphis is rising at a higher rate than in other parts of the State.

Explain the new word for detente. Robin is on the Armed Services Committee.

Fort Campbell, Kentucky is located about 90% in Beard's District.

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April 8, 1976

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

STATE AND LOCAL ISSUES IN SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, TN.

The President should concentrate on a strong national defense, at least in East Tennessee, and I suppose in the rest of the state.

The citizens are opposed to big government, foreign aid. The President will have to handle detente and Kissinger the best he can. I am afraid of another North Carolina if Reagan comes into Republican East Tennessee and touches these issues.

JOHN J. DUNCAN, M.C.

Determined to be an  
Administrative Marking

By SD NARA, Date 7/21/2015

5/7  
2:35

Charlie called asking us to notify Congressmen's offices re Mrs. Ford's schedule:

Mrs. Ford will be in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, tonight. Attend a Shrine party at 8 p.m. in an airport hangar, then to a PFC meeting.

notify: Pressler *Almon, Brian Gray*  
Abdnor *Jane Bauman (called 3pm)*

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Thursday, May 13 -- in Maryland

She will visit Ford Committee headquarters in Anne Arundel County, then go to a market area in Baltimore.

notify: Gude *Linda Claudia - 534*  
Holt *Marjorie Leslie - 8090*  
Bauman *Maney - 5311*

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will visit Grand Rapids, Lansing, Detroit, and Holland

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Cederberg 3561 Mike Forgas  
Ruppe 4135 - Kathy Miller  
Broomfield 6135 Jack Sinclair



3:25 - Completed 4:30

Veta

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 10, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX FRIEDERSDORF  
THROUGH: CHARLES LEPPERT, JR.  
FROM: PATRICK ROWLAND *PR*  
SUBJECT: Background information for Michigan trip

Attached is the information for the President's trip to Michigan.



BACKGROUND MATERIAL FROM CONGRESSMAN PHILIP RUPPE FOR  
CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO MICHIGAN

1. The President should be aware of the Defense Department program called project "Seafare" which is a communications grid system to be located in the northern peninsula. There seems to be quite a bit of controversy pro and con for this project.
2. About five months ago, the Copper Range Company, a firm in the copper manufacturing business, tried to merge with Amex, a large metals company. This was blocked by the Department of Justice Antitrust Division. The Copper Range Company subsequently closed down, leaving 1,500 people unemployed.
3. Base closings - no details but apparently this is a controversial issue in the state. (see copy of memo attached)

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FROM: CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *CLJ*

SUBJECT: Rep. Phil Ruppe (R. - Mich.)

Rep. Phil Ruppe called regarding the President's trip to Detroit, Michigan, on Wednesday, May 12. Ruppe states that a group of people from his Congressional district will be traveling to Detroit and will be at the airport with signs regarding the closure of Kincheloe Air Force Base. In addition, the party will persist in trying to speak to someone in the Presidential party on the economic impact of the closure of the Kincheloe air base.

A Mr. Lyle Painter is the president or director of the regional Michigan Education Association office in Sault St. Marie, Michigan. His telephone number is 906/635-1544.

Rep. Ruppe has been requested to arrange for Mr. Painter or some other individual in that group to speak with someone in the Presidential party on this matter. Can we have somebody set this up or call Mr. Painter?

Rep. Ruppe also suggests that the President may wish to consider attending the baking of the world's largest cherry pie which weighs ten tons in Charlevoix, Michigan. This event will be held on Saturday, May 15, and the crowd is estimated to be between 5,000 and 10,000 people. The baking of the pie will occur at the Medussa cement plant and the point for information on this event is Mr. Ken Winter, editor of the Charlevoix Courier, 616/547-6558.



BACKGROUND MATERIAL FROM CONGRESSMAN ELFORD CEDERBERG  
FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO MICHIGAN

Results of a poll just taken in the 10th District of Michigan (Rep. Cederberg)  
listed in order of concern.

(Q) What are the most important problems facing your local area at this time?

- 14% High Taxes and Taxation
- 13% Unemployment, lack of jobs and jobs for youth
- 7% Inflation, cost of living, and high prices
- 5% Educational system
- 5% Property School Taxes
- 4% Crime Problems

(Q) What are the most important problems facing the U.S. as a nation?

- 23% Unemployment and lack of jobs
- 18% Inflation, cost of living and high prices
- 13% General economic issues
- 9% Lack of confidence in leadership
- 8% Crime problems
- 8% High taxes, tax problems in general
- 5% Foreign policy
- 5% Corruption
- 4% Welfare
- 4% Energy
- 3% Government spending

Job Approval for the President

55% Approve  
29% Disapprove

Job Approval for Congress

19% Approve  
55% Disapprove

Presidential Election - Ford vs Humphrey

Ford 54% Humphrey 29%

Presidential Election - Ford vs Carter

Ford 51% Carter 24%

\*note:

Mike Forgash, AA to Rep. Cederberg, requested that this information not be released as this poll is confidential. He requested that this be passed on as speech information.

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BACKGROUND MATERIAL FROM REP. GUY VANDER JAGT  
FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S  
TRIP TO MICHIGAN

- 1) SEAFARER -- This is an underground defense project involving a communication system which is being generally opposed by people in Michigan. This is a very hot issue. The Governor is involved in it and Congressman Ruppe is deeply involved. Udall was the first and only politician to comment on this controversial issue.
- 2) PBB -- An agricultural feed problem. A couple of years ago some of a bad chemical got mixed in with animal feed. Cows and chickens started dying. People were killing cows and farmers were suing the chemical company. Governor Milliken is involved in this.
- 3) UNEMPLOYMENT  
Coupled with the need for better business climate to encourage industry to expand. Unemployment is roughly 9-1/2%, maybe a little higher in Michigan.
- 4) WELFARE REFORM  
Congressman Vander Jagt gets a lot of mail on this subject.

Q and A's for Michigan trip -- from Congressman Esch.

1. Are you supportive of the Pentagon's decision to close Kincheloe Air Force Base?
2. How can you justify vetoing the jobs bill when the unemployment rate in Michigan is \_\_\_\_\_? (over ten percent)
3. What specific plans do you have to impact affirmatively into areas of high unemployment such as Michigan and specifically Detroit (also youth unemployment)?
4. Who do you see as the strongest Republican candidate for the Senate?
5. What are you doing specifically to see that the Esch amendment is being implemented by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare? (re busing)
6. There seems to be a general anti-Michigan bias in the White House even though you are from Michigan (closing of Kincheloe AFB and failure to direct specific programs into Michigan). Why should anyone therefore support your continuance as President just because you are from Michigan?
7. Will Michigan receive full consideration on the location of the solar institute?
8. How can your Administration justify the Federal Trade Commission trying to break up the Kellogg Corporation?
9. Do you agree with Esch that Secretary Coleman should not implement the air bag regulations?
10. What are you doing to assist in clearing the mail foul-up in Michigan, especially the bulk mail center problem that Congressman Esch uncovered? (Post office lost mail between bulk mail center and Detroit for six weeks.)
11. What are you doing to assure that the emission standards are deferred?
12. What specifically are you proposing that will help assist Detroit out of its financial problems?

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF

THROUGH:

CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *CLJr.*

FROM:

PATRICK ROWLAND *PR*

SUBJECT:

Background information for Michigan trip

Attached is the information for the President's trip to Michigan

BACKGROUND MATERIAL FROM REP. GUY VANDER JAGT  
FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S  
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- 1) SEAFARER -- This is an underground defense project involving a communication system which is being generally opposed by people in Michigan. This is a very hot issue. The Governor is involved in it and Congressman Ruppe is deeply involved. Udall was the first and only politician to comment on this controversial issue.
- 2) PBB -- An agricultural feed problem. A couple of years ago some of a bad chemical got mixed in with animal feed. Cows and chickens started dying. People were killing cows and farmers were suing the chemical company. Governor Milliken is involved in this.
- 3) UNEMPLOYMENT  
Coupled with the need for better business climate to encourage industry to expand. Unemployment is roughly 9-1/2%, maybe a little higher in Michigan.
- 4) WELFARE REFORM  
Congressman Vander Jagt gets a lot of mail on this subject.

BACKGROUND MATERIAL FROM CONGRESSMAN PHILIP RUPPE FOR  
CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO MICHIGAN

1. The President should be aware of the Defense Department program called project "Seafare" which is a communications grid system to be located in the northern peninsula. There seems to be quite a bit of controversy pro and con for this project.
2. About five months ago, the Copper Range Company, a firm in the copper manufacturing business, tried to merge with Amex, a large metals company. This was blocked by the Department of Justice Antitrust Division. The Copper Range Company subsequently closed down, leaving 1,500 people unemployed.
3. Base closings - no details but apparently this is a controversial issue in the state. (see copy of memo attached)

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SUBJECT: Rep. Phil Ruppe (R. - Mich.)

Rep. Phil Ruppe called regarding the President's trip to Detroit, Michigan, on Wednesday, May 12. Ruppe states that a group of people from his Congressional district will be traveling to Detroit and will be at the airport with signs regarding the closure of Kincheloe Air Force Base. In addition, the party will persist in trying to speak to someone in the Presidential party on the economic impact of the closure of the Kincheloe air base.

A Mr. Lyle Painter is the president or director of the regional Michigan Education Association office in Sault St. Marie, Michigan. His telephone number is 906/635-1544.

Rep. Ruppe has been requested to arrange for Mr. Painter or some other individual in that group to speak with someone in the Presidential party on this matter. Can we have somebody set this up or call Mr. Painter?

Rep. Ruppe also suggests that the President may wish to consider attending the baking of the world's largest cherry pie which weighs ten tons in Charlevoix, Michigan. This event will be held on Saturday, May 15, and the crowd is estimated to be between 5,000 and 10,000 people. The baking of the pie will occur at the Medussa cement plant and the point for information on this event is Mr. Ken Winter, editor of the Charlevoix Courier, 616/547-6558.





BACKGROUND MATERIAL FROM CONGRESSMAN ELFORD CEDERBERG  
FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO MICHIGAN

Results of a poll just taken in the 10th District of Michigan (Rep. Cederberg)  
listed in order of concern.

(Q) What are the most important problems facing your local area at this time?

- 14% High Taxes and Taxation
- 13% Unemployment, lack of jobs and jobs for youth
- 7% Inflation, cost of living, and high prices
- 5% Educational system
- 5% Property School Taxes
- 4% Crime Problems

(Q) What are the most important problems facing the U.S. as a nation?

- 23% Unemployment and lack of jobs
- 18% Inflation, cost of living and high prices
- 13% General economic issues
- 9% Lack of confidence in leadership
- 8% Crime problems
- 8% High taxes, tax problems in general
- 5% Foreign policy
- 5% Corruption
- 4% Welfare
- 4% Energy
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Q and A's for Michigan trip -- from Congressman Esch.

1. Are you supportive of the Pentagon's decision to close Kincheloe Air Force Base?
2. How can you justify vetoing the jobs bill when the unemployment rate in Michigan is \_\_\_\_\_? (over ten percent)
3. What specific plans do you have to impact affirmatively into areas of high unemployment such as Michigan and specifically Detroit (also youth unemployment)?
4. Who do you see as the strongest Republican candidate for the Senate?
5. What are you doing specifically to see that the Esch amendment is being implemented by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare? (re busing)
6. There seems to be a general anti-Michigan bias in the White House even though you are from Michigan (closing of Kincheloe AFB and failure to direct specific programs into Michigan). Why should anyone therefore support your continuance as President just because you are from Michigan?
7. Will Michigan receive full consideration on the location of the solar institute?
8. How can your Administration justify the Federal Trade Commission trying to break up the Kellogg Corporation?
9. Do you agree with Esch that Secretary Coleman should not implement the air bag regulations?
10. What are you doing to assist in clearing the mail foul-up in Michigan, especially the bulk mail center problem that Congressman Esch uncovered? (Post office lost mail between bulk mail center and Detroit for six weeks.)
11. What are you doing to assure that the emission standards are deferred?
12. What specifically are you proposing that will help assist Detroit out of its financial problems?