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4:30 PM - Presidential Meeting
with Governor Holshouser
Monday, April 28, 1975

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April 26, 1975

MEETING WITH GOVERNOR JAMES HOLSHOUSER

Monday, April 28, 1975
The Oval Office (10 minutes)
4:30 p.m.

From: Jim Cannon

I. PURPOSE

Governor James Holshouser (R), North Carolina requested this meeting as a follow-up to meetings that have occurred in Washington recently between Mr. Rumsfeld, Mr. Hartmann and the Southern States' Republican Chairmen.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background

Governor Holshouser would like to discuss some of the points that had come up at the recent political discussions of the Southern States' Republican Chairmen and key members of your staff. Also, the Governor would like you to know of his bid for the Chairmanship of the National Governors' Conference for the upcoming year. Since the Chairmanship alternates from Republicans to Democrats, next year there will be a Republican, and at present he and Governor Robert Ray (R) Iowa have the most committed support for the Chairmanship for 1975-76.

The Governor has recently met with Vice President Rockefeller and Governor Jim Rhodes (R), Ohio to discuss the problems North Carolina faces due to Natural Gas shortages. The State is served by only one

interstate natural gas pipeline and has suffered substantial curtailments in the recent high demand periods. He supports deregulation of natural gas.

Governor Holshouser has also invited you to attend another event in North Carolina, known as "Singing on the Mountain". It usually attracts 75,000 - 100,000 people and is a non political, but very patriotic event which in his judgment may be the best event you could attend in his State this year. No commitment has been made. The date is Sunday, June 22, 1975.

The Governor and Mrs. Holshouser have been staunch supporters of yours, and Mrs. Holshouser was particularly happy about sitting at your table during the State Dinner for Governors in February.

B. Participants

Governor James Holshouser (R), North Carolina, Jim Cannon or Jim Falk.

C. Press Plan

To be announced.

III. TALKING POINTS

- I. I understand that you are one of the favorites to become Chairman of the National Governors' Conference. As you know, it would be impossible for me to become involved because there is another Republican Governor in the running, but I can and I do wish you the best of luck.
2. Both Don Rumsfeld and Bob Hartmann have met with the Southern States' Republican Chairmen and have briefed me on their concerns. I understand that this touches on some of the matters that you wanted to bring to my attention today.