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RECEPTION FOR REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS

Monday, November 29, 1976

6:00 p.m.

State Dining Room

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Monday, November 29

Time: 6:00 p.m.

State Dining Room

From: Jim Cannon *[Signature]*

I. Purpose

To meet with and speak to past, current and newly elected Republican Governors and their spouses during their annual meeting in Washington.

II. Background, Participants, Sequence of Events, Press Plan

A. Background

The Republican Governors will be in Washington November 28 - 30 for their annual conference. This will be the first major meeting of the governors following the election and, as such, is designed to address the role which they can assume in future domestic policies and Republican politics. There will be addresses given on specific state government issues as well as on more general topics such as the changing role of government today. Senators Baker and Dole, Bob Teeter and Mary Louise Smith will be speaking to the group.

The RGA requested that you speak to them concerning their role in domestic policy making and their future partnership with you in the Republican party. Although you have declined to speak formally to the group this social event does provide an opportunity to establish close ties with these leaders who will help mold the future of the Party.

Many of the Governors worked actively for you in the campaign and this event will offer an opportunity to thank them personally if you have not already done so.



B. Participants

A tentative list of former, current and newly-elected governors expected to attend is attached (See Tab A).

C. Sequence of Events

The Governors and their spouses will be arriving through the diplomatic entrance and will proceed to the State Dining room. Your arrival along with the First Lady will be announced and a reception line will be formed. After this there will be an opportunity to speak informally to the group and then to mingle and socialize.

D. Press Plan

No press coverage has been planned.

III. Talking Points

1. Welcome to Washington for your annual conference. The subject of domestic policy and your role in its formulation is a critical one for you and the Republican Party. It will be imperative for us as a Party to present the American people creative and fiscally sound alternatives to a Democratically controlled Federal Government. To this end we have a responsibility to the American people.
2. I have enjoyed working with you during the past two and a half years. I believe we have forged a new partnership between the White House and State governments. We have moved in the direction of more fiscally sound policies and greater decision making at the State and local levels. Many of you have played an important role in these efforts and I thank you for your support.
3. To those of you who have left or are leaving office I urge you to continue your efforts in domestic policy and Republican activities. To those of you entering office I congratulate you and wish you all success.
4. I would also like to extend my personal thanks for the help you gave during the recent election. I believe there is great potential for a strong Republican party, but it will require hard work by all of us.

LIST OF GOVERNORS, GOVERNORS-ELECT AND FORMER GOVERNORS
ATTENDING THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
INVITED TO A WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH,
6:00 P.M., ALONG WITH THE RGA CONFERENCE SPEAKERS.

BABCOCK, Former Governor Tim and Betty
BARNETT, Acting Governor Frank and Carolyn
BENNETT, Governor Robert F. and Olivia
BOND, Governor Christopher S. and Carolyn
BOWEN, Governor Otis and Elizabeth
CONNALLY, Former Governor John
GODWIN, Governor Mills E. and Katherine
LOVE, Former Governor John
McCALL, Former Governor Tom
MILLIKEN, Governor William and Helen
MOORE, Governor Arch A. and Shelley
OGILVIE, Former Governor Richard
RAY, Governor Robert
ROMNEY, Former Governor George and Lenore
SNELLING, Governor-elect Richard
THOMPSON, Governor-elect James and Jayne
THOMSON, Governor Meldrim and Gale

SPEAKERS

BAKER, Senator Howard
DOLE, Senator Robert
GRIFFIN, Ralph
RANSON, Jack (Chairman Kansas Republican Party)
SMITH, Mary Louise (Chairman Republican National Committee)
TEETER, Robert

STAFF

CANNON, James M.
McCONAHEY, Stephen G.
QUERN, Arthur
HANZLIK, Rayburn
Other senior staff

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