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GOVERNOR RHODES' SUGGESTED ACCEPTANCE SPEECH FOR THE PRESIDENT.

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I want everybody to know where I stand.

I challenge my opponent -- I demand -- I insist that he meet me in debates on the three television networks during the campaign.

We as candidates of the two parties have a duty and obligation to let the people of America know where we stand. It is so important that they know where we stand on the issues that affect the life style of all Americans: taxes, national security, foreign policy, economic prosperity, and jobs, especially jobs for the young people of our country.

I am serving notice on my opponent that I will say where I stand on the issues. The voters have a right to know where he stands. America has the right to know where we both stand.

On agriculture, I am against any future embargo of American farm products.

On jobs, I am in favor of permanent jobs. If Congress can give you a job, Congress can take it away. I believe every man and woman who wants a productive permanent job should have one. This has been my policy.

On education, I am for young people going to the school of their choice; and if the elementary and secondary school of their choice is a private school, I believe they or their parents should have a tuition tax credit for the tuition they pay to go to school.

On welfare, I am for public assistance for those in need who can't help themselves. But for 30 years we have been handing out doles to thousands of people who could work. For those who can work, they should get jobs and they should work.

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For the impacted cities, I am for tax abatements and credits to create jobs in the cities where there are no jobs.

In some of our impacted cities, 50% of our young people can't find jobs. I don't want to put them on the dole. I want these young people to have permanent employment. This country is strong enough to do this. The rank and file of organized labor want permanent jobs and not handouts.

On busing, I have been consistent all of my public life on busing. I still stand where I have been: I am against court-ordered forced busing to achieve racial integration.

On our traditional values, I am for the American family. I grew up in a wonderful family. I have a wonderful family. America was founded on belief in God, family togetherness, and our education system.

Needy children need good parents. They deserve dignity and decency, not more legislation.

Specifically, I don't agree that young teenagers should have an abortion without the permission of their mothers and fathers.

My opponent says he's against big government. He says he's against the big government that 40 years of Democratic Congresses have created.

I have fought big government for the last two years in office with all my strength and energy, and I will keep on fighting big government.

I am against the big tax spenders and for the little taxpayers. We must stop the erosion of the middle class in America.

We added up my opponent's platform, and it comes to \$100 billion in new spending programs. This could bring the kind of inflation that no one has ever dreamed of in America; it will deny young people jobs; it will increase the socialistic tendencies in our Congress.

All the social ills in America come from the lack of a permanent job. Congress continues to pass legislation but treats the symptom, not the illness.

I am going to take these issues to the American people.

I want everyone to know where I stand, and where my opponent stands.

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We are going to tell the truth, and when the truth is known by the American public, we are going to win this election.

I want to be the President of all the people of America, not just a handful of kingmakers.

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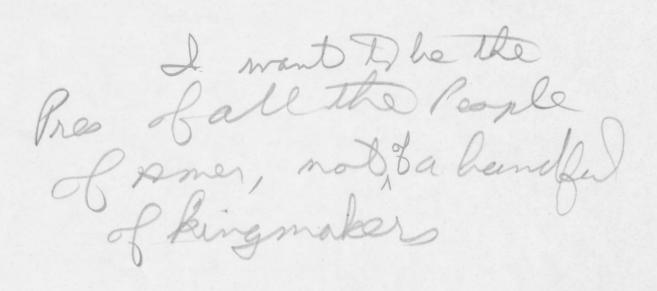
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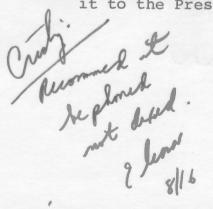
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TO: ELEANOR CONNORS

FROM: CRISTY VALENTINE

Mr. Cannon asked me to read this to him over the phone, and then asked that it be dexed if it can be done with security. If not, I'll dictate it to someone there via telephone. Thanks.

(Mr. Cannon said he should get it to the President today.)



Dictated to Patty 2band 8/16, noon, at Mr. Cannon's request. Crusty



STATE OF MAINE Office of the Governor Augusta, maine 04880

JAMES B. LONGLEY

August 12, 1976

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Honorable Gerald R. Ford President of the United States White House Washington, DC

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August 16, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES CANNON

SUBJECT: Comment from Governor Longley

Here is a letter dictated this morning from Governor Longley.

I thought you would want to see it since we hope after the nomination to include Governor Longley in a major way in our efforts to attract the independents votes.



per phone with Christy August 16, 1976 dictated to Patty

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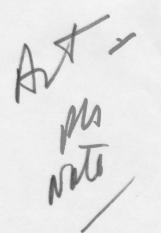
Jim

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Looks good for you all the way. But more important to have a VP with neutral impact than one who might possibly be a negative and cost you votes ideal of course is one who would enthusiastically campaign on "what President Ford means to the world and has done for the country."

WASHINGTON

August 24, 1976



MEMORANDUM FOR:

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JACK MARSHO

FROM:

With the selection of Senator Dole as the Vice Presidential candidate, it is essential that he be kept apprised of forthcoming executive actions. Particularly, he should receive prenotices of public announcements.

The purpose of this memo is to request that you and members of your staff make an effort to assure that the Senator is kept posted on matters in which you feel he will have an interest, and especially those about to be publicly announced.

When there are Congressional pre-notices by the Friedersdorf Office, he should be included on the list of those Members notified.

Many thanks.

cc: Dick Cheney Bob Hartmann Jerry Jones

Campaign

WASHINGTON

August 26, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CANNON

STEVE MCCONAHEY

FROM:

Attached is a memorandum to Jim Baker outlining the purpose and potential of our Committee of elected Officials for the President, and suggesting a meeting with him to determine how to proceed during the Campaign.

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WASHINGTON

August 26, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:	JIM BAKER
FROM:	JAMES M. CANNON
SUBJECT:	Participation of State and Local Officials in the Fall Campaign

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On Tuesday, August 17, in Kansas City, a Committee of Elected Officials for the President was announced by Co-chairmen Dan Evans, Governor of Washington State, and Pete Wilson, Mayor of San Diego. This Committee was organized to activate State, county and local officials throughout the country in support of the President.

The President is regarded very highly by many of the officials, both Republican and Democratic, because of his efforts to return more decision-making to the local level and to simplify legislation and regulations that have hampered their own administrations.

The initial Committee reflected support by Governors, State Legislators, Mayors, and County Officials. (See Attachment A). It is anticipated that these officials can play a constructive role in the Campaign, both in an advisory capacity and in seeking additional commitments by elected officials throughout the country to support the President in November.

Now that this Committee is organized and initial interest is high, it is important that the members be given a constructive role in the Campaign. Evans and Wilson are extremely capable people and have indicated their willingness to work energetically. However, it will be essential for them to have a contact point in the PFC with whom they can work on a daily basis and from whom they can receive staff support. Steve McConahey, Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs, was instrumental in organizing this group initially and will be available to act as a contact point in the White House.

I suggest that you, Steve and I meet to discuss the role and activities of this Committee as soon as possible so that we can take advantage of their interest and support in weeks ahead.

Attachment

President Ford Committee

1828 L STREET, N.W., SUITE 250, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036 (202) 457-6400

FOR RELEASE Monday, August 16, 1976

The formation of a group of state, county and local officials in support of President Ford's nomination and election was announced today by the President Ford Committee.

The group is headed by Governor Dan Evans of Washington and Mayor Pete Wilson of San Diego.

The group has broad support from across the country and will campaign aggressively for the President's election, they said.

Evans, the Nation's senior Governor, said "President Ford has succeeded where others have failed. He is a proven friend of local government who has done more than any President in a generation to shift power from the Potomac back to the people. We prefer the proven performance of the President to the promises of Jimmy Carter."

Evans said the President's accomplishments are "the greatest untold story of the last two years."

Wilson said: "The wisdom, the integrity and the political courage of President Ford in exercising more than 50 vetoes in 2 years and his legislative skill in being sustained in all but a handful have given great hope to those local officials who see the future of America's cities as being tied to the health and full productive capacity of the American private sector rather than to an endless series of stop-gap so-called emergency measures propounded by the Congress which will surely aggravate inflation, though professed as a cure for unemployment. "The President's economic policies have brought us down from double digit inflation and stimulated the economy to the point where three million more American men and women are employed than when he assumed the office of President."

Evans and Wilson stated that the committee would work to gain additional support for the President throughout the country on a bipartisan basis.

Released was a list of officials who have endorsed the President and who would act as a steering committee to assist in the overall effort.

Governors:

<u>State</u> Legislators:

Mayors:

Robert Ray Robert Bennett William Milliken Christopher Bond James Rhodes James Holshouser Arch Moore

Tom Jensen

Ralph Perk

James Taft

Jack Hunter

Harry Kinney

Lewis Murphy

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Tom Moody

Stanley Cmich

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Minority Leader, Tennessee State Legislature State Senator, Minnesota State Senator, Hawaii State Assembly, California State Assembly, California Minority Whip, Washington State Legislature

> Cleveland, Ohio Peoria, Illinois Cranston, Rhode Island Ft. Lauderdale, Florida Yonkers, New York Youngstown, Ohio Albuquerque, N. Mexico Canton, Ohio Tuscon, Arizona Providence, Rhode Island Columbus, Ohio Lakewood, Colorado

County Officials:	Louis Mills	County Executive, Orange County New York (2nd Vice President of National Association of Counties)
	Doris W. Dealamon:	Freeholder-Director Somerset County, New Jersey
	J. W. Stevens	Commissioner, Broward County, Fla.
	John Brewer	Commissioner, Kent County, Michigan
	Phillip Elstrom	Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Kane County, Illinois
	Daniel Mikesell	Supervisor, San Bernardino County California
	John Klein	County Executive, Suffolk County New York

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

DATE: August 26,1976

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TO:	JIM CANNON			
FROM:	LYNN MAY Lyma			

Comments:

The following copy was sent to me by Tom Hauser, Director of OTP. I thought it might interest you.

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Honorable Richard B. Cheney Assistant to the President The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Dick:

As you have, many of the President's friends have been thinking about a way to permit the President to convey his fine record to the public. I am attaching hereto an approach to five minute spots which may be of interest to the President.

The President is very good in informal, person to person communications. If properly arranged, he can cover some of the most important issues on the minds of Americans today. The questioners from across the country can be culled out so that the questions asked of the President are those questions which give him an opportunity to comment on his record. I feel that this kind of exchange presents the President at his best and that this forum would be much more acceptable than a canned Presidential Speech.

If I can be of further help, please do not hesitate to call.

All best wishes,

Thomas J. Houser

cc: Dr. Robert A. Goldwin Honorable F. Lynn May Dean Burch, Esquire Mr. Bryce N. Harlow

Confidential For the President's Campaign:

A BROADCAST BREAKTHROUGH

- 1. Presdient Ford inspires admiring recognition of his depth and forcefulness Contacts with by those who have direct, informal contract with him.
- 2. That perception of Gerald Ford can be aroused and enhanced in countless voters who have become resistant to communication by political speechmaking.
- 3. Television can convey to every viewer (and radio, to the listeners) that sense of informal communication with the President which, when it happens person-to-person in real life, evokes warm respect and trust. Brought home to the public it will generate votes. Here is how.
- 4. Informal filmed chats between President Ford and representative whitecollar workers, blue-collar workers, teachers, small businessmen, students, farmers, home-makers, parents retired persons, and others, including minorities, will, if permitted to develop for a half to three-quarters of an hour, yield a culling of spontaneous, relaxed exchanges which, boiled down to fiveminute broadcast "spots," will reach and touch listeners and viewers in much the same way as President Ford impresses those with whom he has direct personal contacts.
- 5. The format should be simple. Apart from sponsorship identification, the spot would have a short introduction such as: "Edward Hatfield, the neighborhood pharmacist at Smalltown, had a recent chance to exchange views with President Ford abut _______. Listen: "#" (follow with the excerpted conversation). Then, a simple close, such as: "What President Ford had to say to Edward Hatfield shows how we all can count on him to act when confronted with ______.

6. Needed action:

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- Immediate assignment of responsibility for setting up and carrying out three trial chats and preparing five-minute "spots" on them.
- Plan the preparation of 12 such "spots to be available for broadcast and rebroadcast during the period September 15 and October 31.
- 7. Selection of participant could well start by culling **could** letters written to the White House. This can help to avoid cranks, and to identify the more articulate and resourceful handlers of acceptable topics. It would be a natural and desirable lead-in to develop a dialogue out of points made or raised in a letter to the President.

The potential of the proposed two-way chats for generating recognition end important support for President Ford should be dramatically greater then through speeches alone. Even the so-called "fire-side chats," which previously have been used with powerful effect, were one-way utterances. True chats, unrehearsed, which show the President's natural responses to and interaction with John Q. Citizen should accomplish even more for President Ford.

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Mr. Wayne J. Smith Executive Director National Association for Child Development and Education 500 - 12th Street, S.W. Suite 810 Washington, D. C. 20024

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your very generous offer to contribute your time and expertise to policy planning for Governor Carter. You recognize, of course, that the Governor's efforts must be focused on the election and that there is no assurance of victory. Nevertheless prudence demands that advance planning be done so that Governor Carter and Senator Mondale will be as prepared as possible in the event of victory in November.

The overall purpose of the Policy Planning effort is to develop very specific recommendations for (a) legislation which should be submitted to the Congress or (b) administrative decisions with major program significance which might be made by a new President. In the first stage we would like to identify as many viable options as possible rather than limiting the analysis to a single approach.

While we do not want to unreasonably restrict your style of presentation, given the speed with which decisions will have to be made, we would appreciate your adhering to the general outline found in Appendix "A". We should like to receive your material by Tuesday, September 14, 1976.

We ask your cooperation in observing the following:

- 1. Strict confidentiality is essential! Your papers should not be released to anyone except the project coordinator who works with you.
- 2. In order to be sure that Governor Carter receives a full range of viewpoints, no one person will have exclusive domain over an issue. At a later stage one of those who submitted a paper may be asked to synthesize the viewpoint of several contributors into an options paper.

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- 3). No statement, proposal or paper is to be identified as a statement of the Governor's views and no one should identify himself/herself as a spokesperson for the Governor.
- 4). No press contacts should be made by anyone regarding his/her participation in policy planning.
- 5). Papers should not be addressed to a certain person (e.g., "To Governor Carter"). The heading should consist of a title only. This measure is to protect confidentiality and to prevent misinterpretation, for it is to be assumed that any memo might somehow be leaked to the press.

Our essential task at the present time is the careful assembling of ideas, information and options. Decisions cannot be made until much later.

Once again, we appreciate your willingness to help.

Sincercly,

Sharlene P. Hirsch

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APPENDIX "A"

CHILD DEVELOPMENT PAPERS

CONSTRAINT: The Policy Planning effort is focusing solely on recommendation for Presidential initiatives during the first six (6) months of a potential new administration. Therefore, papers should confine themselves to this period only, relative to legislative, budget, and organizational issues.

QUESTIONS: Papers should respond directly to the following questions:

- 1. What should be the priorities of service?
- 2. How should standards issues be handled?
- 3. What should be the appropriate role of each of the following in a delivery system:
 - a. educational agencies
 - b. private nonprofit groups
 - c. for-private groups
 - d. existing programs such as Title 20 and Head Start
 - e. state and local government
- 4. Should subsidization be through the tax system or direct authorization?

FORMAT AND STYLE: In order to assist authors and ensure that papers are read, we ask that all respondents conform to the following guidelines:

- Restate each of the above questions, underlined, before responding to it, and use a separate sheet of paper for each question. (If you do not wish to comment on a particular question, feel free to omit it.) In this way, we can reshuffle papers so that all responses to Question Number 1 are together, etc., for analysis.
- 2. <u>Confine your entire submission to no more than 15 pages</u>. If you can be briefer, we would appreciate it.
- 3. <u>Please be direct</u>. Lists or outlines are welcome. Please try to be as concise as possible.

DEADLINE: All papers must reach our office no later than September 14.

COPIES: We would appreciate receiving eight (8) copies, if possible.

NEXT STEPS: Views presented in the papers will be synthesized into an options paper which will be presented to Governor Carter for his establishment of priorities. A backup notebook of the papers that have been submitted will be accompanying the synthesized material.