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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Walter Hickel

DATE: Call should be made today, 8/29/74.

RECOMMENDED BY: David N. Parker/Senator Stevens

BACKGROUND: Hickel ran against J. Hammond and Keith Miller in the Alaskan Gubernatorial Primary Race. Hammond won the primary with 48 plus percent of the votes with Hickel coming in second with 41 percent of the votes.

- TALKING POINTS: 1. Wally, I just want you to know that I was keeping a close eye on the race and I know this isn't going to deter you from continuing to serve America.
 - 2. What are your ideas on what you are going to be pushing in the near future?
 - When are you coming to Washington? I would like to meet with you when you get down here on your next trip.
 - 4. I really appreciated the comments you made about me in your recent editorial in the <u>New York Times</u>. Your confidence is most appreciated and I might add mutual.

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