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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL

TO: Senator Carl Curtis (R-Neb)

DATE: Today, January 14, 1975, at the President's earliest possible convenience.

RECOMMENDED BY: Patrick E. O'Donnell *POD*

THROUGH: Max Friedersdorf *m-f.*

PURPOSE: To congratulate the Senator on being elected Chairman of the Senate Republican Conference.

BACKGROUND: At approximately 11:15 a.m. this morning, the Senate Republican Conference, by a vote of 23 to 14, elected Carl Curtis as Chairman of the Senate Republican Conference. Curtis defeated Senator Jacob K. Javits (R-NY). This is Curtis' first leadership position in his 36 years in Congress.

TALKING POINTS:

1. Carl, my heartiest congratulations on a job well done. I realize that you started your campaign in the fall of 1973 and have methodically developed the support which was clearly shown today.
2. Your inclusion in the Senate leadership will lend a balance factor both geographically and as a matter of political philosophy.
3. I am sure Norris Cotton will be quite pleased in learning of his successor.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: January 14, 1975

ACTION: *ops / 1/14/74*
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