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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Meeting with Stanley K. Hathaway

Friday - April 4, 1975

The President's Suite

St. Francis Hotel

1:40 P.M. (5 mins.)

From: Terry O'Donnell ^{TOJ}

I. PURPOSE

To meet briefly with Governor Hathaway prior to the Governors reception in your Suite where you will announce Governor Hathaway as Secretary-Designate of Interior.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS, AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background: Stan Hathaway served for two four-year terms as Governor of Wyoming, during which he compiled an extensive and distinguished record in serving the interests and balancing the objectives of the people of Wyoming. He has had to confront many of the problems we now face nationally such as proper balance environmental protection and the development of energy resources. Wyoming is now recognized as one of the most progressive States in the Energy and Environmental fields.

Major accomplishments included: (1) He developed and sponsored Wyoming's Environmental Quality Act of 1973 (he personally wrote much of it), creating one of the Nation's first integrated State environmental agencies - the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality. (2) During his term, Wyoming became one of the first States to enact a surface mining reclamation law. This law, initially passed in 1969, was then strengthened in 1971 and 1973 -- one of the toughest in the country. (3) Wyoming established its own air quality standards in 1967 -- before the Federal government established national standards. Here again, Wyoming standards are among the most stringent in the country.

A biographical sketch of Governor Hathaway is attached at TAB A.

B. Participants: Governor Hathaway and Donald Rumsfeld.

C. Press Plan: White House Photographer only.

III. TALKING POINTS - Prepared by Jim Falk and Bill Walker.

You have made an important contribution nationally in your two and one-half years as Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment of the National Governors' Conference.

As in the case in many Western States, the Federal Government owns about 48% of the total land area of Wyoming -- including national forest lands, national parks and other public domain lands. This has given you an intimate knowledge of programs within the Department of the Interior.

A recent survey of the Nation's Governors by the National Governors' Conference reflected that the number one issue they face is growth policy and land use followed closely by the balance between environmental goals and energy demands.

Interior Department programs are important to all the Nation, but because of the Federal role in ownership and management, they are particularly important to the Western States. Close working relationships with the Governors is critical and you have the confidence of these Governors which will enable you to do an effective job. Your broad experience and perspective will provide a sound basis for achieving the best possible balance among our shared national objectives.

I am happy to have you as a member of my team.



STANLEY K. HATHAWAY

STANLEY K. HATHAWAY, born in Osceola, Nebraska, July 19, 1924. B.A. (1948), LL.B. (1950), University of Nebraska. Married; two daughters. Attorney. Served three years in Army Air Force during World War II; recipient of French Croix de Guerre, Presidential Unit Citations, and five Air Medals. Public offices include: Goshen County (Wyoming) Prosecuting Attorney (two terms); Governor of Wyoming from January 1967 to January, 1975. Delegate-at-Large, 1960 Republican National Convention; elected Republican Party State Chairman, 1964. President, Wyoming County and Prosecuting Attorneys Association (1961). Member, National Governors' Conference Executive Committee, 1968-69; Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Management, 1973-74. Vice Chairman, Western Governors' Conference, 1969-70; Chairman, 1970-71. Episcopalian. Republican.