

The original documents are located in Box C23, folder “Presidential Handwriting, 6/18/1975” of the Presidential Handwriting File at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

Copyright Notice

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. Gerald Ford donated to the United States of America his copyrights in all of his unpublished writings in National Archives collections. Works prepared by U.S. Government employees as part of their official duties are in the public domain. The copyrights to materials written by other individuals or organizations are presumed to remain with them. If you think any of the information displayed in the PDF is subject to a valid copyright claim, please contact the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

~~THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....~~

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 18, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JACK STILES *JPS*
SUBJECT: Date of National GOP Convention

It has come to my attention that RNC is tentatively proposing a date in late or middle August for the GOP National Convention.

This I consider a serious error for two reasons:

1. The Democrats will nominate their candidate at the convention beginning July 15. This gives them a full month lead on the GOP candidate to get their campaign in full swing.
2. If our candidate is not nominated until late August, we will have only September and October prior to the election. This is not enough time to mount a full fledged campaign.

I suggest this requires urgent review.