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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: TOM STONER, IOWA GOP STATE CHAIRMAN

RECOMMENDED BY: Stu Spencer and Secretary Morton

DATE: Friday night or Saturday morning
January 16 or January 17

PURPOSE: To ask Stoner how the caucus situation looks and indirectly to thank him for his support and efforts.

BACKGROUND: Stoner, while maintaining a posture of being uncommitted between you and Reagan publicly, has been very helpful to Ed Terrill and others involving your campaign.

Monday night, Stoner will conduct a "straw poll" of 2 % of the State Caucuses (56 precincts) to determine who is gaining the majority of support - Ford or Reagan.

Following the poll, Stoner will be meeting with the press to announce the results which will most assuredly receive wide publication.

Stu Spencer points out that he has a wide range of discretion which caucuses he polls and will probably be helpful in this regard.

TALKING POINTS: I am anxious to get your evaluation of how the caucus situation is stacking up for Monday.

Ed Terrill, Stu Spencer and others have told me you have been helpful and I want to thank you very much.

ACTION: 1/17/78 Called 11:45 A.M.



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