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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Governor Dan Evans, Washington

DATE: Before Monday, February 16, 1976

RECOMMENDED BY: Rog Morton, Bo Callaway

PURPOSE: To thank Governor Evans for his strong support of the President's candidacy for the Republican nomination for President.

BACKGROUND: Governor Evans has really supported the President and his policies. Every Monday he holds a press conference at which one question is invariably asked: "Have you spoken with President Ford recently?" The attempt is to embarrass the Governor about his lack of communication with the President, in spite of Evans' allegiance to him.

The Governor was instrumental in securing the PFC Co-Chairmen -- Fred Baker, a semi-retired advertising executive from Seattle who handles the Western part of the state, and Dave Rogers, Mayor of Spokane, who handles the Eastern part of the state.

The Governor is anxious to campaign on the President's behalf in New Hampshire and Florida. The PFC has been careful not to commit to the Governor that he could campaign in these states. Both Callaway and Spencer recommend that the President not commit to Evans in this regard. (Due to Governor Evans' liberal stance on certain issues, the benefit of his appearance in New Hampshire or Florida is not certain.) A positive action which the President might mention is his hope that Evans could mobilize strong and vocal support for the President's programs by the Republican Governors when they are in Washington the week of February 23 at the National Governors Conference.

TALKING POINTS:

1. Appreciate all your help in recent months.
2. What is the current mood in the Northwest?
3. Hope the Republican Governors will articulate their support for revenue sharing and other Administration proposals while in Washington later this month.

February 12, 1976

ACTION:

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*Pleased.*

*Wants to actively help.*

*Volunteers to go to any state for speech.*

*I said when here for Governor's conference*

*I would talk with him personally.*

*Please set-up.*