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**TELEPHONE CALL TO
KENT COUNTY REPUBLICAN LINCOLN DAY
DINNER**

Tuesday, March 16, 1976

8:30 P. M.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Telephone Call to Kent County
Republican Lincoln Day Dinner
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Tuesday - March 16, 1976

8:30 P.M.

From: Terry O'Donnell *TO*

BACKGROUND

You have agreed to telephone the Kent County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner in Grand Rapids this evening at 8:30 a.m. The dinner is being here in the Civic Auditorium and your call will be amplified to the 1,400 attendees at this \$2.50 per person spaghetti dinner. Pete Secchia will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

Senator The evening's speakers will include Lt. Governor James Damman and Congressional Candidates Engman, Esch, Brennan, Baker and Huber (all from the Grand Rapids region).

The theme of the dinner is: Anti-Democratic Congress and overspending habits.

Pete Secchia will be on the line to greet you.

SPECIAL NOTE

There has been a great deal of interest in this call since it may be your first opportunity to comment on the Illinois primary. Therefore, Ron Nessen has agreed to make a tape recording of the call available to the press immediately after the call.

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FILL VOTE

CHICAGO (AP) - HERE ARE THE VOTE TOTALS IN THE ILLINOIS PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY WITH 24, OR 0 PER CENT, OF THE STATE'S 11,272 PRECINCTS REPORTING:

REPUBLICAN

FORD	766	- 59 PER CENT
REAGAN	538	- 41 PER CENT

DEMOCRAT

CARTER	1,333	- 57 PER CENT
WALLACE	637	- 27 PER CENT
SHRIVER	205	- 9 PER CENT
HARRIS	162	- 7 PER CENT

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TV-WINNERS 288 LEAD NO PICKUP 70 THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

NEW YORK (AP) - ABC AND CBS PROJECTED PRESIDENT FORD AS THE WINNER OF TUESDAY'S REPUBLICAN PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY IN ILLINOIS AND JIMMY CARTER ON THE DEMOCRATIC SIDE.

ABC MADE ITS PROJECTION AT 7:26 P.M. EST, AND CBS AT 7:53 P.M., BASED ON ANALYSIS OF KEY PRECINCTS.

CBS SAID CARTER WOULD GET 50 PER CENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC VOTE AND THAT FORD WOULD DEFEAT RONALD REAGAN BY A 3-2 MARGIN.

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