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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO Paul Priolo
California State Assembly Minority Leader
(916) 445-7931

DATE As soon as possible
(to take advantage of the President's personal
contact with Mr. Priolo at the Fresno meeting)

RECOMMENDED BY Rogers Morton, Stu Spencer

PURPOSE To ask Mr. Priolo for his support

BACKGROUND The President met Mr. Priolo during his recent visit
to Fresno. Mr. Priolo was extremely enthusiastic
after meeting the President and probably would find
it hard to turn down the President if asked for his
support. (State Senator Dennis Carpenter, California
Ford Chairman, had encouraged him to come on board
but Priolo indicated that he could not because of his
legislative duties.

It is generally felt that if Priolo were to come out for
the President, several other more conservative
legislators who have been fence-straddling would
come out for the President.

TOPICS OF I hope I can count on your support and endorsement.

DISCUSSION

What was the effect of my visit to the Republican State
Central Committee meeting in Fresno on March 27?

How does the overwhelming endorsement of the CRA
(California Republican Assembly) for Governor Reagan
affect the June 8 primary?

What impact will Governor Brown's Presidential
campaign have upon Californians?

April 6, 1976.
*4/14/76 Talked with him. Favorable but strong Reagan
support on his District or some problems in legislature. Says he understands recent
polls not good for Pres. F. Will help in background. Could be pushed or probably
would commit. I didn't on phone. Telephoned to Dana Fagan 4/15*