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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEC*

The attached clipping was returned in the President's outbox with the request that Congressman McKinney receive a letter of thanks.

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

MCKINNEY BY TKO.

Last weekend Congressman Stew McKinney flew to Minneapolis to debate Gov. James Edwards of South Carolina. The Fourth District Republican spoke at the request of the President Ford campaign committee and Gov. Edwards was the spokesman for former Gov. Ronald Reagan.

More than 1,200 persons showed up at the event which took place in the Metropolitan Sports Center in Bloomington. Both Mr. McKinney and Gov. Edwards were questioned by a panel of Minnesota reporters after speaking on behalf of their candidates.

At the conclusion of the debate, a straw ballot was carried by President Ford by a 2-1 margin.

The winner, by a technical knock-out, Steeceew McKinney of Connecticut.