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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

President Ford Committee

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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO : OTIS R. BOWEN, M.D.
Governor of Indiana
(317) 633-4567 - office; (317) 283-8171 - home

DATE : Monday June 14, 1976

RECOMMENDED BY : ROG MORTON; JIM BAKER

PURPOSE : To seek the Governor's active assistance in having as many Indiana delegates as possible available to support your position on procedural matters and, in the event of multiple ballots, vote for your nomination.

BACKGROUND : The Indiana delegation will be elected at a state convention on June 18-19. There is no requirement that the Reagan delegates be chosen or ratified by Reagan's organization. It is, therefore, possible for your supporters to be elected delegates "pledged" to Reagan. Although they would be bound to vote for Reagan on the first ballot they could vote for pro-Ford positions in procedural matters, e.g. credentials, and could help offset potential slippages in states like North Carolina and Kentucky where the Reaganites control the delegations.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION : 1) I know you have been very helpful and I continue to be appreciative.
2) It looks like a very tight convention and we need to insure victory on procedural matters and in getting a platform which is not embarrassing.
3) I need your help and leadership in getting as many good people as possible on the Indiana delegation so that we can have their votes on these issues.
4) Although I strongly expect to win on the first ballot, this is insurance for a second or subsequent ballot.

DATE OF SUBMISSION : June 11, 1976

ACTION

talked 3:15 p.m. — 6/14/76

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6/15/76*

