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LUNCHEON WITH
WEST VIRGINIA DELEGATION

Friday, June 25, 1976

12:30 P. M.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1976

Terry:

Attached are issues of West Virginia that the President should see before the luncheon today.

Dick

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1976

TO: JIM CONNOR

FROM: STEVE McCONAHEY

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For your information _____

Comments:

I have taken the liberty of sending a copy of this to you for your use. I think it is important for the President's meeting with the West Virginia Delegation.

Attachment

/12:30 today

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 23, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CANNON
JIM CAVANAUGH

FROM:

STEVE McCONAHEY

SUBJECT:

West Virginia Issues

*Kathy Concoran
How.*

The Federal Regional Council Chairman in Philadelphia, Dan Snyder, called to alert us to two issues that could arise on Friday when the West Virginia delegation meets with the President. The two major issues both concern EPA.

1. Power Plants

Two power plants in northern West Virginia use local coal with a high sulfur content. The largest of these plants (500 megawatts) produces power for nearby aluminum refining.

The emission from these plants fails to pass the air quality standards of the controlled region in which the plants are located. Governor Arch Moore appealed to EPA to redraw the boundaries of the Air Quality Control Region, thereby lowering the standards at the plant site. EPA agreed to study the problem and recently concluded that the power plants were creating serious air quality problems by themselves.

Snyder briefed Governor Moore two days ago on these findings and suggested a control package for the two plants. The cost for the larger plant would be \$60 million, and will be partly paid by the industries served. The costs to the other plant are minimal.

This issue could come up in discussions with the President. Governor Moore has never been happy with the Clean Air Act and this situation is particularly aggravating to him.

2. Rural Development

One of Governor Moore's priority programs is rural development, utilizing grant money from the Appalachian Regional Commission, EDA, and EPA. The success of this program depends upon the ability of the contributing agencies to plan and fund the efforts jointly.

Sewage treatment is a major part of these projects, but under current EPA policies, sewage treatment funds are passed out only if there is existing need. Because the rural development projects do not meet this criteria, EPA will not provide its share of funds.

EPA is worried about setting a precedent whereby its limited funds are not used for existing pollution problems. The State argues, however, that West Virginia has more funds allocated to it than existing problems need.

EPA, with the backing of OMB, notified Senators Randolph and Byrd that the Agency would not fund the rural development program. The EPA Regional Director, Dan Snyder, would like to see the Agency participate, but is following Agency policy. Governor Moore told Snyder he was going to appeal this decision to the President.

THE WHITE HOUSE

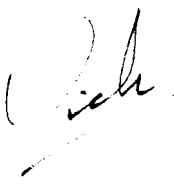
WASHINGTON

LUNCHEON WITH WEST VIRGINIA DELEGATION

Friday, June 25, 1976

12:30 PM

Family Dining Room

From: Dick Cheney 

I. PURPOSE

To provide the President with first-hand opportunity to meet with the West Virginia delegates and learn what their particular concerns are.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

A. Background: Last week you invited Governor Moore to bring as many of the committed and uncommitted delegates as possible to the White House for a luncheon with you. Governor Moore felt that you would make a much better impression with the delegates in person rather than communicating by telephone or otherwise.

B. Participants: See attached list.

C. Press Plan: White House Photo Only.

III. TALKING POINTS

1. I am very pleased that you were all able to join me here today, and am glad to have the opportunity to exchange viewpoints and to hear your concerns as to my candidacy and our upcoming national convention.

2. I need the support of each of you in order to finish the job which I started 22 months ago.

LUNCHEON ATTENDEES

Governor Arch Moore
Governor of West Virginia

Cecil Underwood
Former Governor of West Virginia
Presently GOP nominee for Governor

Tom Potter
GOP State Chairman since 1968; former Member of West Virginia House of Delegates and attorney.

George H. Seibert (pronounced Sibert)
Minority Leader, West Virginia House of Delegates, has been in House 20 years, retiring in 1976; attorney

Joseph Laurita
GOP nominee for Congress in 74-1st District; defeated; Ran for Attorney General in '72; defeated; attorney in Wheeling

Rex Baumgardner
Former Sheriff of Harrison County; running for re-election in '76

William H. Loy
Former AA to Congressman Moore and Governor Moore; ran for Congress in '74, Second District; currently attorney

Mrs. Charles H. Haden II (Priscilla)
Husband is currently a Federal Judge in Parkersburg (Presidential Appointment); she's a school teacher

Mrs. Edwin Flowers (Ellie)
Husband is Judge on West Virginia Supreme Court, appointed by Moore in '74; he's up for re-election

Elmer Dodson
Currently Treasurer of State Executive Committee; former Mayor of Charleston; U. S. Senate candidate against Byrd in 1970; attorney; fundraiser

J. D. Hinkle

State Senator from 1970-present; up for re-election; former Mayor of Buckhannon

Mr. John Hoblettzell

Youngest member of the delegation; attorney; son of former U. S. Senator Hoblettzell (50's)

James W. Teets

Member of House of Delegates since '72; on Finance Committee; Both Teets and Harmon, Fellow House Delegate, are in contention for Minority Leader. This subject should not be brought up.

J. Frank Deem

Member, House of Delegates, 1954-64; State Senator, 1964-present; up for re-election

Francis Love

Former U. S. Congressman. Says he knows President Ford.

Louise Leonard

Former State Senator; 1970-74; Delegate to '72 National Convention; heavily involved in community planning; President of West Virginia Federation of Republican Women

Donald "Happy" Everly

Retired former president of a small railroad in West Virginia

Robert Harmon

Member of West Virginia House of Delegates; Chairman of Mineral County Republican Executive Committee; In competition with Teets for Minority Leader

John T. Poffenbarger

State Senator 1966-1974; attorney; liberal

Richie Robb

28 years old; Mayor of South Charleston; youngest Mayor of a Major City in West Virginia; active in community

Ted Barr

Sheriff; up for re-election; first time any Sheriff can immediately run for re-election without sitting out a term of office; very popular

Mrs. Daniel Smirl (Jody)

Former Member of West Virginia House of Delegates 1966-74. Never defeated, running for her old seat again; runs a GOP Youth Camp; husband is R. R.

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