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JAMES BRYAN WAGNER

TUESDAY - JULY 13, 1976

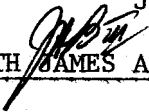
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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

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July 13, 1976


MEETING WITH JAMES A. BAKER III AND JAMES BRYAN WAGNER

Tuesday, July 13, 1976
3:45 p.m.
The Oval Office

I. PURPOSE

To attempt to persuade Mr. Wagner to support the President

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS, AND PRESS PLAN

- A. Background: Mr. Wagner sells life insurance for Guardian Life Insurance Company. He is 33, married and has 2 children. He is a member of the Republican State Central Committee of Louisiana; ran for State Representative; has been active in many campaigns; and is a Fellow; Institute of Politics (Loyola). He is also very active in civic affairs.

He is interested in a Right to Life plank in the Platform. He may wish to discuss the Vice Presidential selection. Other uncommitted Louisiana delegates have indicated they will wait until the Democrats choose a Vice President.

Mr. Wagner was elected as an uncommitted. In a difficult contest in Louisiana "uncommitted" was a code word for anti-Reagan. Wagner apparently leans to the President. He will probably run for the Louisiana State Legislature in the next election but currently is helping Bob Livingston, a Reagan delegate, who is running for Eddie Hebert's Congressional seat and with whom the President met in late June.

- B. Participants: Jim Baker and Bryan Wagner

- C. Press Plan:

III. TALKING POINTS

- 1) I wanted you to know how much I appreciate your support for the Party in Louisiana -- I understand you have been responsible for converting a number of people to the Republican Party there.
- 2) I understand you are concerned about securing a campaign manager for Bob Livingston. I will be glad to have Congressman Vander Jagt, Chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, discuss this with you. I met with Bob in late June, and I was most impressed with him.
- 3) As you know, the Convention is very close, but developments during the past week show we can win.
- 4) You folks in Louisiana can help put us over the top.
- 5) This is likely to be a close Convention and I would certainly appreciate your vote.