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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

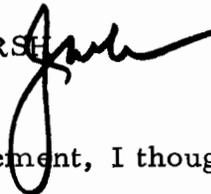
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 26, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JACK MARSH



In reference to the Schweiker announcement, I thought you might be interested in the following.

Tower -- Very happy about it insofar as you are concerned. General reaction in the cloakrooms is one of disbelief and surprise.

He says your Conservative friends in the Senate are calling Reagan Chairmen in States like Texas and other Southwest areas to express their concern of the nomination and point out Schweiker's record.

Rhodes -- He says he cannot believe this has happened. He feels it has assured you the nomination and it is going to have a tremendous impact on the hard-core Reaganites in places like Arizona.

Griffin -- He is shaking his head like everyone else. It could be a desperation move. We should play it cool. We should check over the delegations with special emphasis on the South and undecided.

In summary, the view seems to be disbelief, incredulous, not too smart and laughing up their sleeves.

As a matter of interest, the telephone boys in the Senate Cloakrooms have advised that everytime they advise Senators of Reagan's selection, they think they are playing a joke on them.