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THE VIRGINIA DELEGATION
Wednesday, August 4, 1976
5:00 PM (30 minutes)
The Blue Room

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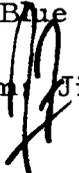
WASHINGTON

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From  Jim Field

I. PURPOSE

To meet informally with the uncommitted Virginia delegates and alternates.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background: The current breakdown of the Virginia delegation is:

<u>Ford</u>	<u>Leaning Ford</u>	<u>Reagan</u>	<u>Uncommitted</u>
12	2	34	3

Only the Ford and uncommitted delegates (17) and alternates (17) have been invited to the reception. The consensus was that in view of the meeting, the Reagan delegates had 8/1/76, chairmaned by Dick Obenshain and George McMath, reaffirming their support for Governor Reagan, they should be deleted from the reception.

The Virginia Ford ranks have been swelled in recent weeks by previously uncommitteds (John Dalton, Ray Edwards, Nathan Miller, Paul Johnson) and previously Reagan delegates (Calvin Smith, Willard Forbes). Governor Godwin, Stan Parris, Cynthia Newman and Linwood Holton have been particularly helpful and effective in making these switches occur. All have been invited to the reception and all but Holton will attend.

Of the remaining 5 uncommitteds, at least 3 should go to the President. One of those, Lois Kindt, has already privately committed to the President but has yet to go public. The Schweiker selection did not go down well with the majority of uncommitteds and Reagan delegates and the fall out from this could conceivably bring over additional delegates, though as of today this has not yet occurred. It should certainly help, however, with Reagan delegates voting with us on procedural votes.

B. Participants: See attached list.

C. Press Plan: White House Photo Only.

III. SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS

1. I want to express my appreciation to all of you for coming to Washington for this meeting.
2. I want to express particular appreciation to the committed delegates and alternates for their support. At the same time, I certainly welcome and would like to have the support of the uncommitteds.
3. We are extremely encouraged by the recent momentum developing in Virginia and throughout the country and are convinced we will secure the nomination on the first ballot.
4. As you have perhaps read, I have not ruled out anyone on the Vice Presidential selection and in fact am currently polling all the delegates, Members of Congress, Members of the Republican National Committee and other Party leaders to have their thoughts on this.
5. Lest there be any doubt, we intend to run an all-out campaign in the general election with a grassroots, precinct-level highly organized campaign operation in Virginia and throughout the South.

6. This is how we will win in Virginia, the South, and throughout the country regardless of what the polls say.

Staff

Dick Cheney
Jack Marsh
Jim Field

President Ford Committee Staff

Jim Baker
Pete Roussel
Jim Mack

VIRGINIA

DELEGATES-AT-LARGE

- 1) The Honorable Mills E. Godwin, Jr. (Ford) Mills
 - a) Strong Ford
 - b) Governor
 - c) Chairman of the Delegation

- 2) The Honorable John N. Dalton (Ford) John
 - a) Announced Ford
 - b) Lt. Governor
 - c) Wants to run for Governor next year
 - d) Many friends among Reagan supporters, elected uncommitted and moved to Ford.

- 3) Mrs. Henry O. Lampe (Uncommitted) Ginny
 - a) Determinedly uncommitted
 - b) Member, Virginia Mental Health and Mental Retardation Board - appointed by Holton and Godwin.
 - c) President Virginia Federation of Republican Women
 - d) She has met the President; attended the entertainment July 28, and has spoken with Jack Marsh about HEW - Mental Health issues in which she is interested.

- 4) Mr. Calvin Smith (Ford) Calvin
 - a) Strong Ford
 - b) Assistant to the President for Special Projects of an institutional food company.
 - c) Member, State Central Committee
 - d) Mr. Smith was elected as a Reagan delegate and has switched. He met the President on July 28.
 - e) Black - has received pressure from Reagan people as a result of change.

- 5) The Honorable Nathan Miller (Ford) Nathan
 - a) Ford
 - b) State Senator
 - c) General Counsel of Virginia Republican Party
 - d) Mr. Miller was elected on the Reagan slate but was uncommitted. He has declared for Ford.

DISTRICT DELEGATES

2nd District

- 6) Mr. Paul David Johnson (Ford) Paul
- a) Ford
 - b) Student
 - c) Past President, Virginia Young Republican Federation
 - d) Paul was elected as uncommitted and now supports Ford
 - e) He met the President in the Oval Office several weeks ago.

4th District

- 7) Mr. Willard O. Forbes (Ford) Willard
- a) Ford
 - b) Naval architect
 - c) Campaign Manager for Congressman Bob Daniel and Bill Whitehurst
 - d) Mr. Forbes was elected as a Reagan delegate and has switched to Ford. He has met the President.

6th District

- 8) The Honorable Ray Garland (Ford) Ray
- a) Ford
 - b) State Representative, family business
 - c) Ran for U.S. Senate
- 9) Mrs. Warren Kindt (pronounced: Kent) (Uncommitted) Lois
- a) Uncommitted - Leaning Ford
 - b) Housewife
 - c) Chairman of fund-raising picnic for Congressman Caldwell Butler on July 22; active at District level
 - d) Mrs. Kindt has had a phone call from Mrs. Ford
 - e) Her son works for Red Cavaney in the White House advance office and is in Kansas City now
- 10) Mrs. H. V. Traywick (Ford) Flo
- a) Ford
 - b) Housewife
 - c) Very active at the local level (Lynchburg)

8th District

- 11) The Honorable Wiley T. Mitchell (Ford) Wiley
- a) Ford
 - b) Attorney (General Soliciter, Southern Railway Company)
 - c) State Senator
 - d) Very active, Alexandria Republican Party
 - e) Ran as a committed Ford delegate in a difficult convention
- 12) The Honorable Stanford E. Parris (Ford) Stan
- a) Ford
 - b) Businessman
 - c) Former Congressman
 - d) Chairman of Virginia Ford Committee

9th District

- 13) Mr. James E. Crockett (Uncommitted) Mr. Crockett
- a) Uncommitted
 - b) Retired clerk of Wythe Company Circuit Court
 - c) Has said he would go to Convention uncommitted
- 14) Mrs. Eliza Sprinkle (Uncommitted) Mrs. Sprinkle
- a) Uncommitted
 - b) 80 years old
 - c) Many years of active service to the Party
 - d) Concerned over which candidate will provide the nation and Party the best leadership
- 15) Teddy Bailey (Uncommitted) Teddy
- a) Uncommitted
 - b) Clerk of Circuit Court
 - c) Most recent intelligence has him leaning Reagan

PARTY OFFICIALS

- 1) Cynthia Newman (Ford) Cynthia
 - a) Ford
 - b) Owns Waters Travel Service
 - c) Past Secretary of Commonwealth
 - d) Outgoing National Committeewoman - defeated by Reagan Convention
 - e) Has been helpful in Virginia

- 2) Billy Frazier (Ford) Billy
 - a) Ford
 - b) Owner of jewelry store and other businesses
 - c) 9th District Chairman; Member State Board of Education;
Past Chairman of Board of Supervisors
 - d) Defeated as Ford delegate; has been very helpful with 9th
District delegates
 - e) He is flying the three uncommitted delegates to the reception
at his own expense

ALTERNATES

AT-LARGE

- 1) Ms. Millie Victor (Ford) Millie
 - a) Ford
 - b) Housewife
 - c) Active in local Party (9th District)

- 2) Mr. Rayford Harris (Ford) Mr. Harris
 - a) Ford
 - b) College Professor
 - c) Active in Richmond Republican Party; State Central Committee
 - d) Black

- 3) Mr. Steven Lindstrom (Ford) Mr. Lindstrom
 - a) Ford

- 4) Dr. Earl McClenny (Ford) Dr. McClenny
 - a) Ford
 - b) Physician

- 5) Mrs. Francis Garland (Ford) Mrs. Garland
 - a) Ford
 - b) Housewife
 - c) Immediate Past President of Republican Womens Federation of Virginia
 - d) Sister-in-law of Ray Garland (Ford Delegate)

- 6) Leon Delyannis (Ford) Mr. Delyannis
 - a) Ford
 - b) Consulting Engineer, Delyannis and Associates
 - c) Very active; Arlington County

- 7) Lee Eddy (Ford) Mr. Eddy
 - a) Ford

DISTRICT ALTERNATES

2nd District

- 1) Knox R. Burchett (Ford) Knox
a) Ford
b) 2nd District Republican Chairman
- 2) Mrs. Dorothy Lippincott (Ford) Mrs. Lippincott
a) Ford

5th District

- 3) David Melesco (Ford) David
a) Stong Ford
b) Attorney
c) County Chairman

6th District

- 4) Stewart Sherwood (Ford) Mr. Sherwood
a) Ford
- 5) Mr. H. V. Traywick (Ford) Mr. Traywick
a) Ford
b) Husband of Ford Delegate
- 6) Kenneth Lussen (Ford) Ken
a) Ford
b) Labor - negotiation (Industry)
c) Past Roanoke City Chairman; very active locally
d) Has agreed to work on Reagan at large delegate Wilkins in Kansas City

9th District

- 7) W. H. Robinson (Uncommitted) Mr. Robinson
a) Uncommitted

8) John Davis (Uncommitted)

Mr. Davis

a) Uncommitted

b) Indecision based on judgeship

9) Nannie Parnell (Uncommitted)

Ms. Parnell

a) Uncommitted

b) Indecision based on judgeship