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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...<sup>10</sup>

August 15, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William Tucker - Convention Committees Coordinator

SUBJECT: Rules Committee

This will serve as a brief report on the activities of the Rules Committee as they apply to this convention. The only major changes from the 1972 convention rules were those supported by the PFC organization.

- A. Rule 16 was changed to require a nominee to have the support of the majority of the delegates from 5 (formerly 3) states.
- B. Rule 18 was amended to provide that in the vote on the nomination for the President, any state delegation bound by any binding Presidential primary or direct election of delegates bound or pledged pursuant to state law must vote in that manner. This affects 19 states on the first ballot.
- C. The Rule 29 Committee had recommended a change in Rule 12 to provide for the roll call to begin with a state drawn by lot and alphabetically thereafter. The PFC took no position on this and it was defeated.
- D. Rule 14(b) was changed to provide that a minority report from the Platform Committee must receive support from 25 % of the membership of the Committee.

PFC had approximately a four vote margin on the above rules. A rule was proposed by the Reagan forces which would have required that a Presidential candidate name his Vice Presidential choice prior to his selection. This was defeated.\*

Rules 19 through 29 apply to the Republican National Committee. There were some changes made in these rules, but the only one that has a direct bearing on Presidential elections was Rule 24(d). This provides for a select committee on Presidential campaign affairs to be set up by the RNC.

Rules 30 through 35 apply to the 1980 convention and the selection of delegates. The Committee will start on Rule 26 Monday at 3:00 p.m.

\* BY VOTE OF 44-59 (15 MARGIN)!!!

Bill Timmons