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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.....

August 15, 1976

MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT - MISSISSIPPI

Monday, August 16 - Eight delegates

1:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

## PRESIDENT FORD COMMITTEE

AUGUST 15, 1976

RECOMMENDED VISIT WITH THE PRESEDENT

TO: Jim Field

FROM: James A. Baker *JAB*

RE: Tommy Giordano .

WHEN: ASAP

BACKGROUND: Sec. of Mississippi GOP; campaign manager for numerous state-wide campaigns (most recently Gil Carmichael for Governor); very successful insurance agency; switched from Reagan to Ford.

APPROACH: Tommy needs reassurance that;  
1.)The Mississippi GOP will run the general election campaign at his guidance. (Note: This one is easy as Doug Shanks has personally asked Giordano to take over the general election operation).  
2.)The Vice Presidential choice mirrors the Presidents philosophy.

PRESIDENT FORD COMMITTEE

VISIT PRIORITY NUMBER 7

August 15, 1976

RECOMMENDED VISIT WITH PRESIDENT FORD

TO: Jim Field

FROM: James A. Baker III *JAB*

RE: Dene Pace

WHEN: ASAP

BACKGROUND: President of Mississippi Womens Federation; active for years in behalf of GOP candidates; loyalty is to the party not the candidate: has been Pro Ford: ~~will do~~ what Lillian Todd says to do.

APPROACH: The President should relate his record of appearances at GOP functions in support of the party.

PRESIDENT FORD COMMITTEE

August 15, 1976

VISIT PRIORITY NUMBER

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RECOMMENDED VISIT WITH PRESIDENT FORD

TO: Jim Field

FROM: James A. Baker III *JAB*

RE: Lillian Todd

WHEN: ASAP

BACKGROUND: National Committeewoman elect Mississippi GOP: \* recently committed privately to Ford but now chooses to be labeled uncommitted; close personal friend of Reed, Mounger and Haley Barber; has clout with Dene Pace (Delegate - At - Large) -- if Lillian Commits, Dene will also commit.

\* widow: degree and employment background is in banking.

APPROACH: Lillian is pro Ford but isn't sure about how to deal with the Mississippi inner-delegation conflict. She should be encouraged to lead the effort to repeal the Unit Rule (maintaining the Alternate participatory rights) allowing the ultimate vote to reflect proportionally the votes cast by the 60 delegates and alternates. This would appease both factions.

PRESIDENT FORD COMMITTEE

VISIT PRIORITY NUMBER 8

REQUEST FOR VISIT WITH THE PRESIDENT

TO: Jim Field

FROM: James A. Baker III 

RE: Danny Jaber

WHEN: ASAP

BACKGROUND: Chrm. Mississippi TAR's; Member Adams County GOP Executive Committee; has been pro Ford all along but is receiving pressure from Ed Ogden (Reaganite who financed Danny's college education) not to support Ford; wants Howard Baker for Vice President.

APPROACH: The President should discuss his stands on non-politically expedient issues in an effort to persuade Danny to consider "courage of convictions" as being the strongest quality of leadership. Also let him know that Senator Baker has a good shot as Vice President.

PRESIDENT FORD COMMITTEE

August 15, 1976

VISIT PRIORITY NUMBER 3

REQUEST FOR VISIT WITH THE PRESIDENT

TO: Jim Field

FROM: James A. Baker III *JAB*

RE: Gerald Gafford

WHEN: ASAP

BACKGROUND: Lawyer, Oxford (Ole Miss) Mississippi; working in GOP since 1962; GOP County Chairman 1962-72; Captain, USNR - R has been pro Ford; wishy-washy on committing; (Naval Reserve program - attached is the question Gafford asked the President at the meeting in Mississippi, and the President's responses.)

APPROACH: Gafford needs to be reassured on the Naval issue. (see attachment) The President should let him know that he has heard of his support for Ford and thank him for it. This will lock him in.

QUESTION: I would like to address a subject that is very important today -- Armed Forces preparedness -- and specifically Naval Reserves.

Carter made a statement at a briefing early in the week that should have insulted hundreds of thousands of reservists. He said that the reserve forces of the United States are worthless, which indicated to me that he would follow a typical McGovern pattern to try to destroy the Armed Forces reserves.

During the past year, the Administration reported legislation which would have reduced the Naval Reserve forces from 115,000 to 50,000, which would in effect have destroyed the Naval Reserve forces.

Was this legislation an indication of your attitude towards the Naval Reserves or was it bad advice from someone, and what can we do to do something with it?

THE PRESIDENT: The budget I submitted in January for this coming fiscal year asked for full implementation of the Army Reserve, the Naval Reserve, and with the one exception, the Air Force Reserve and the Army and Air Force National Guard. The figures are in the budget.

I was shocked when I saw what Carter said concerning our reserve forces because the facts are, our National Guard and Army Reserve as well as Air Force National Guard and Reserve, and the Marine Reserve, are vital ingredients in our overall national mobilization program.

The one area where you specifically mentioned is not the active duty Navy Reserve units because those units meet every week and go on two-week training cruises and were fully supported by the budget and the program that I recommend. One group that was not supported, and this the Navy itself recommended to me, was the group that had moved out of active Navy Reserve status. That is not an active duty ship-attached responsibility, and so the Congress, I understand, has put the money back in. So, it will be fully funded.



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August 15, 1976

RECOMMENDED VISIT WITH THE PRESIDENT

TO: Jim Field

FROM: James A. Baker, III *JAB*

WHEN: ASAP

RE: Col. James B. "Jim" Eggar

BACKGROUND: U. S. Army, Retired; mbr. County GOP Executive Committee; Mason; has baffled everyone on his political position; General William C. Westmoreland called him-report was favorable but Jim wanted to wait on committing; mbr., Lowndes County Board of Education.

APPROACH: Generally discuss Army and Education background and lead into request for support.

August 15, 1976

RECOMMENDED VISIT WITH THE PRESIDENT

TO: Jim Field

FROM: James A. Baker III

RE: Dr. Ed Carruth

WHEN: Monday, August 16, 1976 1:30 p.m.

BACKGROUND: Doctor of Medicine. A newcomer to the Party (he got involved last year with Carmichael race). Dr. Carruth has four children and has been very pro Ford. He now has a question in regard to electability and the Vice Presidential choice.

The best approach is to sell the electability issue and ask him to help. Also, assure him that a Schweicker-type VP will not be selected.

PRESIDENT FORD COMMITTEE

VISIT PRIORITY NUMBER 6

REQUEST FOR VISIT WITH THE PRESIDENT

TO: Jim Field

FROM: James A. Baker III *JAB*

RE: C.L. Manderson II

WHEN: ASAP

BACKGROUND: Mississippi State University Grad; owner United Realty Co.; Past Director of Mississippi Assn. of Realtors; Outstanding Realtor of the Year; Pro-Ford but weak - meeting with the President will lock him in.

APPROACH: C.L. will support the President if the President asks him for that support.