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THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID....

August 15, 1976

MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT

WYOMING

Monday, August 16 - 12 delegates

2:10 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.

# President Ford Committee

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## MEETING WITH FORD AND UNCOMMITTED DELEGATES FROM WYOMING

Monday, August 16, 1976  
2:10 - 2:25 p.m.

### I. PURPOSE

To thank the Ford delegates (Hansen & Ostlund) for their support and encourage the uncommitteds to join them.

### II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS, AND PRESS PLAN

#### A. Background: The current breakdown of the Wyoming delegation is:

2 - Ford  
8 - Uncommitted  
2 - Leaning Reagan  
5 - Reagan

11 of the seventeen Wyoming delegates have been invited to meet with President Ford. These delegates fall in the Ford, Uncommitted, and Leaning Reagan columns.

Most media sources carry the Wyoming delegation as being very heavy Reagan. We have, however, found considerable softness in the delegation. The Schweiker announcement and the heavy-handed tactics of the Reagan forces have contributed to this softness.

#### B. Participants:

Mrs. Ruth Adam, Sheridan, Wyoming -- At one time leaning to Reagan. Long time Party leader (County Secretary, County State Committeewoman, Member of Wy. Retirement System). Close to Senator Hansen.

Mr. Sam Kelly, Rawlins, Wyoming -- Leaning Ford -- Former GOP County Chairman, wife is National Committeewoman; Texaco jobber; Close to Hansen; Upset over Ford signing energy bill.

Mrs. Lucetta Grummon, Wheatland, Wyoming -- Leaning Reagan -- Housewife - husband a doctor. Involved in YR.

Mrs. Charlotte McMillan, Riverton, Wyoming -- Leaning to Reagan -- inactive in Party; Husband is State Legislator. (Bruce McMillan).

Mrs. Minnie Newton, Cheyenne, Wyoming -- President of Wyoming Rep. Womens's Federation. Close to Hansen; very conservative; Husband is for Ford.

Mr. George Bower, Worland, Wyoming -- County Chairman; Finance Chairman; Real Estate and Ins. Broker; talked with President on phone (likes Ford but thinks his campaign has been terrible).

Mr. Bud Hertzler, Veteran, Wyoming -- County Commissioner; County Chairman; Farmer - Livestock; very conservative;

Mrs. Mary Masterson, Casper, Wyoming -- Leaning Ford; GOP County Chairman; told Sen. Hansen she is for Ford; formerly from Michigan.

St. Sen. John Ostlund, Gillette, Wyoming -- Ford -- Close to Senator Hansen. Might run for Governor in 1978. Reagan forces tried to keep him from being delegate.

Senator Cliff Hansen

Tom Stroock, GOP Chairman in Wyoming

Mrs. Mary Garman -- Housewife/rancher -- Bill Stieger's sister. Dick Jones tried to keep her from being a delegate. She definitely leans towards the President.