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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

August 15, 1976

MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT

KANSAS 5:00-5:15 p.m.

KANSAS DELEGATION
MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT
AUGUST 16, 1976

MR. CALVIN JAMES ---Jewell, Kansas. James is 1st District GOP Chairman. He is 47, Caucasian, Methodist and married. A Haberdasher whose constituents are mostly farmers. Kansas input indicates that while James ran uncommitted he is for the President all the way. He is interested in farm policy.

MR. BOB WILLIAMS---Wichita, Kansas. Williams was GOP Finance Chairman in 1968. He is 62 years old, has two children and is married. He is an oil producer and concerned with the "oil freeze". He is considered by our people in Kansas to be pro-Ford. However, he has told the press and our office that he is uncommitted.

President Ford Committee

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RECOMMENDED PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

To : Jim Field
From: Jim Baker
Re : Jim Hartdegen and Joe Stephens
Uncommitted Delegates from Arizona

I. PURPOSE

To thank them for changing their status from Reagan to Uncommitted and to ask for their support and public commitment to President Ford.

II. BACKGROUND

- a. Jim Hartdegen has always been listed as a soft Reagan delegate. He has always resented the heavy-handed tactics of the Reagan forces. He is upset by the Schweiker announcement. We feel he will publicly commit to the President if asked by the President. We recommend his wife be included in the meeting. She has stars in her eyes about the President and may influence Hartdegen to make the move to publicly commit.

Hartdegen is the Pinal County GOP Chairman and a candidate for the state legislature. He wants to make a career of politics. Viet Nam veteran -- may want to discuss amnesty.

- b. Joe Stephens is young, conservative -- now publicly uncommitted but probably still leaning Reagan. Not terribly bright - refers to the President as Jerry on the telephone. Owner of a Tucson motel.

Stephens is upset about Schweiker.

MISSOURI DELEGATION
MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT
AUGUST 16, 1976

MR. WILLIAM SKAGGS---St. Louis, Missouri. Skaggs is 43, Caucasian, married and a real estate broker. He was a dēlegate in 1972, and was the Committeeman for 13 ½ years. He was also Chairman of the 3rd Congressional District, member of Missouri State Committee and on the Budget Committee. He is uncommitted but leans toward the President. It has been indicated that he will follow Whaley's lead.

MR. JOSEPH SWARTS---Kansas City, Kansas. Swarts is 59, Caucasian, married and Catholic. He is County Chairman and Treasurer of the State Republican Committee. He is for Reagan, possibly soft. "My problem is with some of the Governor's people--not with the Governor." He was not pleased with Reagan's choice for running mate.

MR. FRED WHALEY-----St. Louis, Missouri. Whaley is 56, Caucasian, married and a contractor. He has been Chairman of the Party. He is uncommitted and controls the other two un-committeds in the District. He is enjoying sitting on the fence and, "will talk to anyone". He is leaning toward the President.

PRESIDENT FORD COMMITTEE

August 14, 1976

RECOMMENDED VISIT WITH THE PRESIDENT

TO: Jim Field
FROM: James A. Baker, III/Paul Manafort
WHEN: Monday
RE: Joseph Laurita, West Virginia Delegate

BACKGROUND: Laurita is an uncommitted delegate, leaning Reagan. He is upset because he wanted to be PFC chairman in West Virginia. He feels that it was offered and then revoked. This apparently is not true. Laurita ran for Attorney General and Congress unsuccessfully. He is interested in running for public office again.

APPROACH: The President should indicate that he would like Laurita to be involved in his campaign and will talk with the pertinent officials about the matter.

Laurita should not be included in the same group that Harman is.

NEW MEXICO DELEGATION
MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT
AUGUST 16, 1976

MR. RUSS DARBYSHIRE---He is an at-large delegate for Reagan, but could be swayed in lieu of the Schweiker announcement. He feels he has been misled by Reagan. Forces told him he was morally bound to vote for Reagan when in fact New Mexico is not legally bound. He is considered ultra conservative and issue oriented and feels that Connally as Vice President would only stir up the Watergate issue but he still admires the man. Note that Darbyshire would be very interested in talking with a Ford representative.
A biographical was never received so there is' no personal information.

August 15, 1976

Meeting With The President

Monday, August 16, 1976

5:20 p.m.-5:35 p.m.

ILLINOIS - Mrs. Patricia Hans- 2nd District Delegate - Uncommitted

Secretary Simon has spoken with Mrs. Hans twice during the last two weeks. It is his impression that she will commit if the President asks her. She is very concerned about the President's choice for the Vice President. She would like to see a conservative on the ticket with the President. She could go with someone like Governor Connally or Senator Baker, but not with someone like Vice President Rockefeller or Senator Percy. Her delegate vote seems to depend on the President's choice.

The President should tell her we feel confident we are over the 1130 mark needed for nomination. However, the way the convention is viewed by the public will have a definite effect on the national and many of the state elections. The President should tell Pat he knows she has remained uncommitted throughout the race but it is imperative that we are unified and with this in mind, he would appreciate her endorsement.

Mrs. Hans is a housewife, about 51, with 3 children and attended the University of Illinois. She is a good friend of Former State Senator Bob Hatch who has been helping Reagan.