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THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN . . .

August 15, 1976

MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT

MINNESOTA

Monday, August 16 - 5 delegates

1:50 p.m. to 2:05 p.m.

August 15, 1976

RECOMMENDED VISITS WITH THE PRESIDENT

TO: JIM FIELD
FROM: JAMES A. BAKER, III
WHEN: ASAP
RE: MINNESOTA DELEGATES: Glenn Annexstad,
Vern Long, Gene Smith, Robert Jackson and
Bob Barry

Glenn Annexstad, 44, is a farmer from St. Peter. As of August 5, Annexstad has changed from uncommitted to leaning Ford. Annexstad is also a close friend of Ancher Nelson. He has received phone calls from the President, Senator Griffin and Secretary Butz.

Verne Long, 44, is an uncommitted delegate from Pipestone. He was a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives for 10 years. He is very concerned about the grain embargo issue/farm policy, but Long spoke very highly of the President's farm policy after the President's phone call. Long has also received a phone call from Secretary Butz.

Gene Smith, 33, is a farmer from Montevideo. Smith served on the Minnesota State House from 1971-72. Again, he is very concerned about the President's farm policy. Recently he switched from For to uncommitted, due to the fact that the Reagan people have told him they would not support him if he tries to run again for the State House. Secretary Butz has called Mr. Smith.

Bob Jackson is an uncommitted delegate from Duluth. He is a life insurance agent. Jackson is Chairman of the St. Louis County Republican Party. While he claims to be uncommitted he appointed Reagan delegates to key positions at the State convention. Senator Griffin has telephoned Jackson.

Bob Barry, 53, of St. Paul, a manager for Multi-Clean, a cleaning products company. He has promised at the district convention that he would remain uncommitted. He could be wooed with a conversation of a strong American and a viable economy. Both President Ford and Senator Griffin

Note: As a whole, the Minnesota uncommitted delegates are fairly conservative. Annexstad, Long and Smith are all farmers and have had questions about farm policy. Our best shots are Long and Smith. Annexstad, Jackson and Barry are our long shots.