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PRESIDENTIAL BRIEFING PAPER

August 17, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JIM FIELD  
SUBJECT: West Virginia Delegation Caucus

BACKGROUND: The West Virginia delegation is currently split Ford-16; Reagan-8; Uncommitted-4.

The most troublesome uncommitteds are Gubernatorial candidate Cecil Underwood, Joe Lourita, Rich Robb and Ted Barr. It would be very helpful if you could chat with each of these four people. The Advance Team should be asked to set up a private moment for you with them.

Underwood is looking for assurances that the Administration will work with him as the Party's nominee. He is very sensitive to incumbent Governor Arch Moore and suspicious of Moore's relationship with the President Ford Committee.

PURPOSE: The caucus will give you the opportunity to discuss their concerns head on and to hopefully solidify the somewhat soft support.

SUGGESTED  
FORMAT:

1. Brief remarks.
2. Question and answer session.