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**MEETING WITH MODERATE
REPUBLICAN LEADERS**

Thursday - September 30, 1976

5:00 P. M.

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From  Jim Field

I. PURPOSE

To unite moderate Republicans behind your campaign in a manner that will attract the support of Republicans and non-Republicans alike.

II. BACKGROUND & PARTICIPANTS

- A. Background: The initiative came from northern moderates who are anxious to avoid factional or regional approaches that would be counter-productive to the campaign. On September 2, after consulting with you, Governor Milliken called a breakfast meeting at the Hay-Adams for exploratory discussions. Attending were Secretary of Commerce Richardson, Congressman Anderson, Congressman Steiger, and Michigan State Chairman McLaughlin. They agreed to undertake an effort to help assure that all elements of the Party are mobilized on your behalf, and to help in efforts to assure that the campaign has a broad based appeal. Specifically, they wanted to help assure that moderate, progressive Republicans have an opportunity to be fully supportive of you, and to assure that their views are effectively articulated within the Administration, the Party, and the country.

On September 19, these leaders were joined at a Mayflower Hotel dinner by Senator Packwood, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Hills, Ohio State Chairman McGough, Senator Percy, Secretary of the Department of Transportation Coleman and Senator Mathias. The group endorsed the statement of purpose but changed the reference from moderate, progressive Republicans to all Republicans in an effort to avoid any suggestion of an us-against-them issue with conservatives. They agreed to develop an expanded

list of like-minded Republicans from pivotal states; to arrange a meeting with the President; to identify issues that should be discussed and specific means that they can help; and to work through the President Ford Committee on any follow up efforts.

B. Participants: See (TAB A)

III. TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING

1. Campaign themes central to the concerns of the states represented regarding problems of urban areas, job creation, housing, and crime.
2. Opportunities for you to gain support in those states through statements on issues, public appearances, and other means.
3. Ways in which the participants can help through speeches, interviews, and organizations which they have a particular interest in.

IV. SPECIAL NOTE TO GRF

A 3:30 p. m. meeting at the Hay-Adams Hotel will precede the meeting with you.

PARTICIPANTS

Michigan Governor William Milliken
Michigan GOP State Chairman William F. McLaughlin
Secretary of Commerce Elliot Richardson
Illinois United States Senator Charles H. Percy
Illinois Congressman John B. Anderson
New York United States Senator Jacob K. Javits
New York Congressman Barber B. Conable
New York GOP State Chairman Richard M. Rosenbaum
~~Wisconsin Congressman Sam Steiger~~ *William A. Steiger*
Oregon United States Senator Bob Packwood
Maryland United States Senator Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.
Minnesota Congressman Bill Frenzel
Ohio GOP State Chairman Kent B. McGough
Secretary of the Department of Transportation William Coleman
Pennsylvania National Committeewoman Elsie Hillman
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Carla A. Hills
Connecticut GOP State Chairman Frederick K. Biebel
Indiana GOP State Chairman Thomas S. Milligan
Pennsylvania Former Governor Ray Shafer

White House Staff

Dick Cheney
Jim Field

President Ford Committee Staff

Jim Baker