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MEETING WITH GOVERNORS
AND SENATORS

MONDAY - OCTOBER 18, 1976

3:00 p.m. (The Cabinet Room)

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

AKWS

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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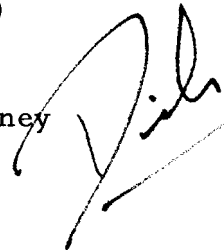
MEETING WITH GOVERNORS AND SENATORS
(ADVOCATES) FROM KEY STATES

Monday, October 18, 1976

3:00 p.m. (60 minutes)

The Cabinet Room

From: Richard B. Cheney



I. PURPOSE

To bring the Governors and Senators from the key states we must win up-to-date on the campaign.

To ask them to campaign these last two weeks -- to go all out on your behalf in their states.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

- A. Background: These are the Governors and Senators who have been elected to statewide office in the states we must win in the general election. We need them to campaign actively on your behalf these last two weeks to assure victory. After your opening remarks, Bob Teeter will brief them on the state of the campaign nationally and in each key state. He will give them some summary materials on their states and some themes we want stressed about your accomplishments and about Carter. Jim Baker will then explain how the PFC will assist in scheduling press arrangements, payment of expenses, and support materials.
- B. Participants: See attached list.
- C. Press Plan: White House photo. Some of the Governors and Senators will go out to the briefing room and report on the meeting.

III. TALKING POINTS

1. I am glad you could be here today.
2. We have closed a thirty-three point gap on Carter and now trail nationally by two or three points.
3. In your states, we are in a dead heat and we must win your states to win the election.
4. Nothing is more important than keeping Carter out of the White House.
5. I am asking you to campaign for me in your states as if you were running yourself for these last two weeks.
6. Bob Teeter will bring you up to speed on each of your states.
7. Jim Baker will explain the scheduling and financial arrangements.

PARTICIPANTS

Guests

Senator Hugh Scott
Senator Robert Griffin
Senator Howard Baker
Senator Henry Bellmon
Senator Jesse Helms
Senator Mark Hatfield
Senator Lowell Weicker
Senator Strom Thurmond
Senator Mac Mathias

Governor William Milliken
Governor James Holshouser
Governor Mills Godwin
Governor Otis Bowen
Governor Dan Evans
Governor James Edwards
Governor James Rhodes

Mr. Melvin Laird
Mr. Jack Danforth
Mrs. Mary Louise Smith

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