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Saturday, September 11th

- --- Breakfast Speak to Republican Fall Conference at Mackinac Island Time not given for breakfast but will be at Grand Hotel where you will be staying.
- 10:30 a.m. Leave Mackinac Island with Don True in Jimmy's plane for Hagerstown, Maryland. You will be met there by Mr. Robert Harrison, Mr. George Eppinger, State Senator Elmer Hawbaker, Cong. Whally, and State Rep. Enos H. Horst.
- 2:00 p.m. (Approx) Arrive at Hagerstown.
- 5:30 p.m. (Approx) Speak at Corn Soup rally

Frazier to drive back afterward. Mr. Whalley's directions to Chambersburg attached (Copy attached to Frazier's schedule also)

Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

September 8, 1965



Dear Gerry:

I just talked with Mr. Robert S. Harrison, publicity chairman for the Franklin County Republican Committee, who advises me that he will arrange to meet you at the Hagerstown Airport at approximately 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 11.

Mr. Harrison says that Mr. Paul Gelwick, chairman of the picnic committee, expects 5,000 people and wants to have the speaking program as near after 5:30 p.m. as possible.

You told me that your car would leave Washington in time to get to the fairgrounds and return you to D. C.

The directions are as follows:

Washington, D. C. to Hagerstown, Maryland, turn right on interstate four-lane highway, Route 81, approximately 20 miles, getting off at Route 30--Lincoln Highway--in Chambersburg.

You then proceed west on Route 30, approximately 3 miles to the top of the hill and turn left at that point to the picnic grounds—about three to five miles. The grounds are along this route on the righthand side.

There are roads which would be about 8 miles shorter but these are cross-country and I'm afraid you would have difficulty.

I am looking forward to seeing you on Saturday.

Sincerely,

J. IRVING WHALLEY, M. C.



Room 1230—House Office Bldg. Washington, D. C. Telephone 225-4676 Report from Washington

Congressman J. Irving Whalley
12th District of Pennsylvania

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5,000 sq. miles—440,000 population

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FACT SHEET Cong. J. Irving Whalley

12th Pennsylvania Congressional District, 7 counties, population 440,000 -- Blair, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Franklin, Fulton, Bedford, and Somerset counties.

Mr. Whalley visits and speaks to many individuals and groups in the 12th Congressional District. Many questions are asked and we hope some of the answers are contained in the following:

U. S. CONGRESS

Rep. J. Irving Whalley was elected to the 86th U. S. Congress in 1960 and reelected to the 87th, 88th and 89th Congresses. He is the 6th ranking Republican member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, one of the most important committees in Congress, as well as a member of 3 of its subcommittees: Inter-American, Europe and Far East. Rep. Whalley has seniority over 200 Congressmen.

YOUTH

Due to illness of father, he worked 8 hours a day in local garage while attending Windber High School. He later attended Cambria Rowe Business College at night and has taken many correspondence courses.

BUSTNESS

He became a Ford dealer at the age of 26 during depression. Within 6 years, was successfully operating 13 automobile agencies, selling thousands of new and used cars annually. Closed most of the agencies at start of World War II.

Operated a coal mine and within 2 years, increased the production from 25 tons per day to about 1,000 tons per day, which meant about a half million dollars a year in freight income to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Mr. Whalley headed a group which re-organized a bank in Windber in 1933 after it was scheduled to be liquidated at 25%. They paid all depositors in full, plus 2% interest and paid all stockholders par value for their stock. This saved Windber residents about \$750,000 and was considered one of the state's best banking accomplishments. This \$11 million bank has been a great aid in civic enterprise and creating new industry and new jobs in the area.

TRAVEL

The education of extensive traveling and meeting people in places over the world, under all conditions, has given Mr. Whalley a broad insight:

1926 - Rode with Clyde Pangborn (1st man to fly Pacific) of Gates Flying Circus, on trick flights, doing loop-the-loops, barrel rolls, power dives, etc.

1933 - Made an 8,000 mi. air trip to almost every state in the U. S.

1936 - Traveled on the Zeppelin Hindenburg from Lakehurst, N.J. to Frankfurt, Germany-4200 miles in about 50 hours. The Zeppelin was the largest balloon ever made: 808 ft. long (3 city blocks), 145 ft. high (12-story building). This trip made history because it occurred before Atlantic Ocean plane passenger service began and because the Hindenburg exploded shortly after Mr. Whalley's trip, being completely destroyed in 32 seconds.

- 1936 Was present when Hitler spoke in Berlin and Mussolini spoke in Rome. Visited Rhineland shortly after Hitler took it over. Visited Olympics held in Berlin. Made a 4,000 mile air trip to almost every country in Europe.
- 1941 Was a passenger on Pan American Airways 1st shuttle flight across the Pacific in a huge flying boat, the ANZAC CLIPPER. Plane carried 1st flight greetings from U.S. to Hawaii. Visited Pearl Harbor before it was bombed.
- 1957, Was a member of the State Senate group which made a 35,000 mile air trip at own expense to 35 countries in Europe, Asia and Africa, including Russia and the Holy Land. This trip was under guidance of the U. S. Dept. of State, which arranged meetings with each Embassy and heads of government. Visited the Gaza Strip, Suez Canal and Algeria at the time these areas were world news. Was in Russia when Sputnik I was placed in orbit.
- 1959 Met and talked with Mr. Krushchev, his wife, 2 daughters and son, and with many of the Russian Cabinet members during their U.S. visit.
- 1961 Attended NATO Conference in France and saw Berlin Wall in Germany.
- 1963 Official visit to Vietnam, Laos, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Okinawa, Manila. 1964 - Official visit to Scandinavia and behind Iron Curtain countries for Foreign Affairs Committee.

FAMILY AND CHURCH

Married to the former Ruth E. Anderson, former English and Journalism instructor at Windber High School. Parents of 2 children: John, 19; a student at Univ. of Penna. and Ruth, 17; a junior at Windber High School. Active in Presbyterian Church; Elder and Trustee for 20 years.

Elected to 2 terms each in Penna. House and Senate from 1950 to 1960; member. of 11 Senate Committees; elected to Congress in 1960; served with 4 Penna. Governors and 3 U.S. Presidents. His 10 years in the Penna. legislature, civic affairs and 30 years in business qualify him to serve you well.

Was selected to serve on U. S. - Canada and U. S. - Mexico Interparliamentary · Groups on trade and defense.

PURPOSE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE tons per day to about 1,000 tons per

Mr. Whalley, on the basis of his business experience (making payrolls and employing hundreds of people), was asked in 1950 to be a candidate for the House in Penna. so that he could help his local area. He did this even though it meant practically giving up his own business.

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Because some citizens criticize office holders for using their positions for personal gain, Mr. Whalley uses his net gov't. salary for his district. Her has donated \$45,000 to his District in his 42 years in Congress as follows: \$20,000 for 100 basketball sets; \$7,500 to colleges; \$5,000 for flags; \$5,000 for annual questionnaires; \$5,000 for extra newsletters; \$2,500 for industrial, Red Feather groups, Chamber of Commerce memberships, etc. Lenking to the second section of the second

STATE SENATE - U. S. CONGRESS

Irv Whalley was nominated for Congress in July, 1960. He resigned from the Pa. Senate so that a new Senator could be elected in November 1960, which gave continuous Senate representation for his Senatorial District. This cost him \$2200 in salary as well as the risk of losing the Congressional election.

His aim is to help make our Congressional District attractive to industry so our high school graduates may have job opportunities to remain here and to give our area the best possible Congressional representation. PIDA: Penna.'s No. 1 need today is new jobs. As State Senator, Whalley cosponsored the PIDA Act, which has helped create 60,000 new jobs in Penna. with a quarter billion dollar annual payroll -- 10,000 new jobs in the 12th Congressional District with an annual payroll of \$40 million.

*Cong. Whalley, at request of his District, has helped to obtain approx. \$5 million in APW Grants, ARA and Small Business loans for community facilities.

REDUCED SPENDING

He will continue to work for reduced spending and payments on the \$325 Billion debt and fewer give-away programs. He helped change U.S. Foreign Aid program from grants to loans with interest and cut foreign aid spending several billion dollars a year.

He supports a strong stand in U.S. foreign affairs against Communism in Cuba, all of Latin America and in SE Asia with aid of our allies.

CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION CONSTRUCTION CONTROL DOCAL

Mr. Whalley introduced many bills including the following in Congress;

- 1. To permit Bible reading and prayers in public schools and has also signed the discharge petition to release bill for action by Congress.
- 2. To make it illegal to mail or sell obscene literature.
- 3. To authorize Fed. Gov't to pay 90% of \$530 million Penna. Turnpike cost or give Pa. 360 miles of additional interstate road, paying 90% of cost.
- 4. Amended bill which makes Allegheny-Portage Railroad a national historic site in Blair County.
- 5. Anti-Dumping Bill to protect U.S. Industry.
- 6. To limit oil imports for protection of coal, railroad, & trucking business.
- 7. To keep present system of Legislative apportionment in Penna.

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While a member of the State Senate and U.S. Congress, many newspapers have complimented Mr. Whalley on his work, including the following:

"Mr. Whalley has done an extra-ordinary job in the State House and Semate."

JOHNSTOWN TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT
PITTSBURGH PRESS selected Mr. Whalley as "Senator of the Year" in 1957.

"Sen. Whalley got more for his district in 5 years than Johnstown received in 25 years."

JOHNSTOWN OBSERVER

"His dynamic energy in carrying out the wishes of the people of his entire district has received praise everywhere."

80 HOURS - AVERAGE WORK WEEK

District leaders know Congressman Whalley works hard and gets things done for his Congressional District, State and Nation.

30 YEARS CIVIC ACTIVITIES

ACHIEVES RESULTS: He has served on business, recreation, hospital, industrial fund-raising, flood control, college, urban renewal, and Red Feather boards.

TO KEEP INFORMED: Cong. Whalley subscribes to 25 daily and weekly newspapers and belongs to 10 Chamber of Commerce groups in the 12th Cong. District.

He sends a questionnaire to you each year to get your opinions.

A weekly newsletter has been distributed to keep the 12th District informed.

He has field men who visit each of our seven counties at least twice monthly to learn problems of the area then helps solve them in Washington.

Mr. Whalley returns to his home in the District on weekends; has office hours each Saturday morning and attends as many meetings as possible in the District.

STATE LEGISLATION

Mr. Whalley co-sponsored dozens of bills including state laws which require school boards, town councils and authorities to hold open meetings.

He co-sponsored the bill for double tunnels and medial strip fence on the Penna. Turnpike. A new tunnel and tunnel run-around is now in use in Somerset County. Other double tunnels will be built as soon as possible, all paid for from Turnpike receipts. The medial fence is completed and is credited with saving 33 lives in 1963.

CONGRESSMAN WHALLEY'S PHYSICAL FITNESS PROGRAM

Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy said drastic action was necessary on youth physical fitness because of reports which showed that only 10% of American youth pass physical tests while 58% of European youth qualify.

To help remedy this situation, Cong. Whalley began his own youth physical fitness program by donating 100 basketball backboards, supporting poles and flood lights (cost \$20,000) to 100 communities in his Congressional District to improve physical fitness.

Mr. Whalley has long been an advocate of physical fitness and sports programs from the time he participated in local athletics.

His home town of Windber was the location of the University of Pittsburgh football training camp under Coaches Pop Warner and Jock Sutherland from 1916 to 1936, which created a great interest in local athletics. Windber has produced championship high school and independent baseball, football and basketball teams---playing football under lights as early as 1918.

- 1. Thirty years ago, Rep. Whalley purchased the equipment to broadcast local athletic events, which created a great interest in sports.
 - 2. 28 years ago, Congressman Whalley was a member of a Windber Committee which created six new playgrounds.
- 3. 27 years ago, he sponsored the Whalley Athletic Club consisting of 150 members, forming baseball, basketball, football and mushball teams, which competed over a tri-state area for about 5 years. Mr. Whalley paid all expenses

Mr. Whalley also sponsored or supported individual athletic teams--bowling, basketball and others in local leagues.

Rep. Whalley was very active in the building of a modern athletic stadium in his home town, which quadrupled attendance at athletic events.

He also furnished equipment for three playgrounds in the area during the past fifteen years. As a Ford dealer, Mr. Whalley has sponsored Junior Baseball teams and football punt, pass and kick contests.

As a member of the Pennsylvania State Senate, he sponsored a resolution which called for creating an expanded physical fitness program.

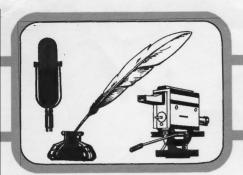
In 1961, Mr. Whalley provided funds to prevent the collapse of the Windber Community Basketball League. This league had been in operation for 25 years.

"Basketball is a good body builder and encourages development of teamwork and sportsmanship, so I am using my net-congressional salary to promote physical fitness among our future leaders."

Whalley has used his net public office salary for worthwhile causes since 1951. He was hopeful that this program would encourage other individuals and groups to donate equipment for physical fitness projects.

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GERALD R. FORD HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER

NEWS RELEASE

Speech excerpts--Chambersburg, Pa.
Republican Rally 10/11/65 SETTEMBER?

For release upon delivery of speech 10/11/65

The Republican Party has many things going for it, including signs that the boom may fizzle. An economic flame-out would be the result of the Democrat Administration throwing away money faster than it comes in.

The present Administration operates on the theory that to keep the boom in high gear it has to spend all the time on many unsound non-defense programs.

Under this philosophy, the Nation is without a financial cushion for bad times.

It is impossible to expand anti-poverty programs, double funds for area redevelopments on top of last year's Federal bulldozing, reduce taxes on one hand and hike them on the other to finance politically-oriented domestic spending schemes...without ruining the value of a dollar.

Even though today's economy has some built-in stabilizers---unemployment insurance, social security payments, welfare, and agricultural hand-outs--the Federal government with Democrats in control is leading the way to the poor house.

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While there should be no cut-back in responsible and essential defense spending, extravagamme should be halted in domestic spending. In view of the President's military decisions I urge that he take the lead in cutting back new domestic programs to marshal the Nation's strength for the military effort.

The Nation cannot afford bureaucracy as usual.

Domestically, Uncle Sam is living on a gigantic national credit card, borrowing billions of dollars and hoping tomorrow will be better than today. There is nothing wrong with responsible credit, but there is a great difference between living within our budget and plunging headlong into debt beyond our means.

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We must expose the failures of the Democrats to keep campaign promises, offer the electorate the hope for a better world under the Republican philosophy, and work with dedication to strengthen unity in our ranks.

Excerpts from a speech by Rep. Gerald R. Ford, House Republican Leader

Growing discontent with the way things are going in the alleged "Great Society" are spreading across the land, offering the Republican Party one of the most important opportunities in years to regain strength.

Millions of Americans are learning with dismay that the Democrat-controlled Congress has sand-bagged them with more taxes arbitrarily taken from their paychecks. The results are less money to spend on necessities, slimmer bank accounts, and more choking federal control.

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The Republican Party to have a resurgence of strength and to win must:

- * Recover fumbles made by the Administration,
- * Be a constructive, responsible force using new ideas to create better legislative proposals,
- * Enlist more intelligent, articulate and personable candidates,
- * Establish basic positions to broaden the Party's base,
- * Reassert our principles that demand preservation of individual freedom and human dignity,
- * Be inclusive, not exclusive, appealing to Democrats, independents and Republicans alike,
- * Build a better organization,
- * Become a united Republican team from precinct through national levels,
- * Build better communications with the public at large,
- * Raise more funds to finance a strong effort,
- * Take an optimistic, positive approach.

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The hopes for a strong two-party system and more balance in government ride on Republican victories starting in 1966 in the House of Representatives.

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If we fail, we will fail the American people.

Winning means contributing in great measure to the strength, the welfare, the health, the growth, the prosperity, and the well-being of every citizen in the United States and in the society of the free world nations.

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