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THE PRESIDENT WAS SEEN...

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 19, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DICK CHENEY

FROM:

DAVE GERGEN



Here are some possible talking points for the President's visit with the press this afternoon.

TALKING POINTS FOR 2 p.m.

1. Last night was one of the happiest that Betty and I have spent in the White House.
  
2. We have always felt that the people in Michigan, and to a lesser extent the people in Maryland, knew more about my record, my performance and my integrity than almost anyone else. To receive massive support from the people who know you best is one of the finest tributes that any public servant can receive. So, we are very,very grateful -- to those who worked so hard in our behalf and to those who gave us this great vote of confidence.
  
3. As far as the national campaign is concerned, these two primaries have restored the momentum and spirit that we had earlier. The whole campaign has taken on new life.
  
4. There are still 12 primaries remaining and we certainly don't expect to win them all, but we feel today that we're back on the road to a first ballot victory at Kansas City. This is a very happy day in the Ford household.