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TALKING POINTS FOR P. F. C. DROP-BY, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1976

I have come here today to tell you how much I appreciate the hard work and the long hours you've contributed to our campaign effort in the last several months.

That effort has been a success, and I am confident we will win the nomination on the first ballot in Kansas City.

We have been successful because of your dedication and your commitment, and because this Administration has a record to be proud of.

It is a record that people will support, a record that will lead us to victory on November the second.

We have some tremendous advantages going into this campaign.

For the first time since 1956, when General Eisenhower was in the White House, a President is running for office with America at peace.

President Eisenhower won in 1956 with more than 57 percent of the vote, and the Republican Party of peace will win in 1976, too.

Another advantage for us this year is that America is enjoying a rising prosperity. We've gone through some tough times economically -- the worst recession in 40 years -- but we beat it, and the American people aren't going to forget who led the way.

Finally, this Administration is truly a new Administration, with its own policies, its own people, its own standards of conduct. In the last two years, we have restored the people's trust and confidence in the White House and let the sunshine in. Because we have earned the people's confidence, we have won their support, and we will win their votes on November 2.

We've been through a very challenging primary campaign. We've been opposed by a candidate who is among the most formidable political figures in America, and we have won.

If you can beat Ronald Reagan, you can beat anybody,
including Jimmy Carter.

It won't be easy, but nothing worthwhile is ever easy. We
will go to Kansas City to promote a spirit of unity in our party. We
will recommend a Vice President you can be proud of, a Vice President
the American people will support, a Vice President who will serve
this country well for the next four years of the Ford Administration.

From Kansas City, we will go to the American people with
our message of peace, prosperity and trust, and the American people
will give us the victory we have worked so hard to earn in 1976.

Thank you very much.

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TALKING POINTS FOR PFC VISIT ON WEDNESDAY

1. I came over this afternoon to thank all of you for the superb work you have done this year on my behalf. I am very grateful to you and to your families who have also sacrificed because of the many long hours you have spent here.

2. I especially want to thank the volunteers. Many of you will not be able to go on to Kansas City to see the fruits of your labors, but I assure you that everything you've done over these last few months has contributed greatly to our victorious effort.

3. I don't want to make any speeches now. I'll save that for Thursday night. But I do want to say that I've never been served by a more loyal, a more enthusiastic, or a more dedicated team. I'm grateful to each of you, and I hope that I can prove worthy of your trust and support during my next four years in the White House. Thank you very much.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 11, 1976

Post box

MEMORANDUM FOR: TERRY O'DONNELL
FROM: DAVE GERGEN
SUBJECT: PFC Visit

These talking points are along the lines suggested by Rog Morton this afternoon.

Women for President Ford

GRAND TOTAL: 240,924

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:	ALABAMA	724	MONTANA	139
Miss Bertha Adkins, Maryland	ALASKA	27	NEBRASKA	632
Mrs. Linda Allison, Texas	ARIZONA	1,215	NEVADA	144
Mrs. Dexter O. Arnold, New Hampshire	ARKANSAS	450	NEW HAMPSHIRE	481
Mrs. Pat Bailey, Washington, D.C.	CALIFORNIA	10,178	NEW JERSEY	2,805
Mrs. Mary Brooks, Illinois	COLORADO	726	NEW MEXICO	237
Ms. Pamela Curtis, Washington, D.C.	CONNECTICUT	1,152	NEW YORK	6,262
Mrs. Sheila Greenwald, Virginia	DELAWARE	216	NORTH CAROLINA	601
Mrs. Bernice Hemphill, California	DISTRICT OF COL.	1,888	NORTH DAKOTA	327
Mrs. Ming Hsu, New Jersey	FLORIDA	7,273	OHIO	17,943
Mrs. Mary Jackson, Rhode Island	GEORGIA	487	OKLAHOMA	418
Hon. Joan Lipsky, Iowa	HAWAII	334	OREGON	1,803
Mrs. Rhoda Lund, Minnesota	IDAHO	194	PENNSYLVANIA	3,321
Mrs. Jane Macauley, Virginia	ILLINOIS	5,079	RHODE ISLAND	362
Miss Marion Martin, Maine	INDIANA	881	SOUTH CAROLINA	175
Mrs. Connie Newman, Washington, D.C.	IOWA	1,225	SOUTH DAKOTA	154
Mrs. Elly M. Peterson, Michigan	KANSAS	1,205	TENNESSEE	349
Mrs. Kitty Rinehart, Maryland	KENTUCKY	255	TEXAS	77,654
Mrs. Jill Ruckelshaus, Washington	LOUISIANA	225	UTAH	139
Mrs. S. Carl Shank, Florida	MAINE	299	VERMONT	293
Mrs. Ella Weed, Michigan	MARYLAND	2,273	VIRGINIA	1,516
Staff:	MASSACHUSETTS	1,763	WASHINGTON	1,134
Mrs. Glenda Leggitt, Virginia	MICHIGAN	80,825	WEST VIRGINIA	258
Miss Carolyn Booth, Virginia	MINNESOTA	2,126	WISCONSIN	1,145
Miss Betsy Bellows, Washington, D.C.	MISSISSIPPI	109	WYOMING	547
Chair:	MISSOURI	904	PUERTO RICO	61
Elly M. Peterson, Michigan			VIRGIN ISLANDS	4
			AMERICAN SAMOA	2