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MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

TO:

Patti

☐ YOU WERE CALLED BY—

☐ YOU WERE VISITED BY—

Mrs. Brandon

OF (Organization)

☐ PLEASE CALL —→

PHONE NO.
CODE/EXT. _____

☐ WILL CALL AGAIN

☐ IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

☐ RETURNED YOUR CALL

☐ WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

617. 746. 1759 (ofc)
617. 746. 6420 (nm)



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Patti

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 18, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: PETER SORUM
FROM: SUSAN PORTER
SUBJECT: Action Memo

Mrs. Ford will attend the following event:

EVENT: Minnesota Republican State Convention

DATE: Friday, June 25, 1976

TIME: Remarks: Approximately 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Civic Center
St. Paul, Minnesota

CONTACT: -Hal Levander, ^{Jr (Hap)} Minnesota PFC Chairman
O: (612) 451-1831
Headquarters: (612) 831-4227
H: (612) 739-4553

-Dorothy Lilligren, Minnesota PFC Co-Chairman
Headquarters: (612) 831-4227
Home: (612) 473-0782

-Chuck Slocum, Minnesota GOP Chairman
O: (612) 291-1286
H: (612) 447-5660

COMMENTS: Mrs. Ford will represent the President at the Minnesota State Convention. The Convention, as the background material reflects, is being held June 24-26 to nominate 18 at-large delegates to the Convention. 24 delegates and the section of the 18 at-large delegates will complete the Minnesota slate. It is my understanding that Governor Reagan will address the Convention followed by former Vice Presidential candidate Bill Miller who will deliver the keynote speech. It is felt that the optimum time for Mrs. Ford to appear before the Convention is a bit after 1:00 p.m., prior to the straw vote.

Chuck Slocum mentioned they would also like Mrs. Ford to participate at some point in a question/answer session and Dorothy Lilligren mentioned that from 12:00-1:00 a box lunch is being held and might be a good opportunity for Mrs. Ford to circulate among the delegates. Mrs. Ford will return to Washington following her appearance at the Convention. The file is attached.

Thank you.

c: BF Staff
Red Cavaney
PFC Staff
Jerry Jones
William Nicholson
Warren Hendriks
Terry O'Donnell
Rex Scouten
Staircase



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Background given Mrs Ford
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WASHINGTON

June 22, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM SHUMAN
FROM: STEVE MCCONAHEY
SUBJECT: Minnesota Issues

The following are our issues for Minnesota based on discussions with the State House and Senate Minority Leaders, former Governor LeVander, and others:

1. Drought

The drought in the western part of the State, encompassing twenty counties, is the issue of greatest concern at the moment. This drought will affect a number of crops, and Governor LeVander estimates that farm income in this area may drop 50%. The President declared this a disaster area last week, and the Federal government will continue to provide appropriate assistance. Rain in this area during the past several days has brought some relief but the situation is still serious.

The farmers in Minnesota, however, have experienced in the past several years bonanza crops, and are considered very well off. They are not happy with the grain embargo policy or the failure to raise milk prices. This is the constituency where the President's support is the softest. However, the USDA Crop Report, to be issued within the next several weeks, purportedly will predict good news for the farmers this coming year.



2. Western Reserve Mining Case

This is a highly controversial issue, especially in the northeast part of the State, which the President should avoid commenting on, if possible. Western Reserve Mining Company, which has been disposing taconite tailings into Lake Superior over the years, is under court order from a suit brought by environmentalists to implement an on-land disposal system by July 1, or shut down in one year. The Court has ordered the State and the Company to select jointly an appropriate site, but there has been difficulty in reaching a compromise on the selection. The Company claims it cannot economically compete with the new restrictions, especially if the State-selected site is used. The complex is a \$300 million investment, with 3,000 employees. This is a classic example of environmental interests conflicting with economic forces. Public sympathies in Minnesota are evenly divided, with the Governor not taking a strong stand.

3. Unemployment

Unemployment in Minnesota is traditionally lower than the National average and is the case at present, with the rate at approximately 6%. However, the business community is facing problems which are likely to aggravate the unemployment rate. State fiscal and tax policies are forcing highly mobile industries out of the State, along with growing costs of Federal and State red tape. There is worry that insufficient jobs will be created in the long term.

4. State Fiscal Policies

The State has had a 40% budget increase over the last two-year period, totalling \$1.4 billion. Under the State tax structure, Minnesota receives a windfall from Federal tax reductions, with a windfall estimated at \$36 to \$40 million during this past year. The result is a State budget surplus and a continuing proliferation of new State programs.

The State government is under one-party control, with the election laws favoring a continuation of one-party rule.



5. General Revenue Sharing and Block Grants

Revenue Sharing is popular, except within the right wing of the Republican Party. A plank opposing General Revenue Sharing in the State party platform was almost adopted at a recent District Convention.

On the other hand, block grants have been passed by the State to local governments over the years with great success. Sixty percent of the education budget comes through State block grants. There is growing support among some key state Democrats for the President's block grant proposals, with the Speaker of the House recently testifying on the Hill in behalf of the education block grant, and Senator Mondale expressing increased interest in this legislation.

6. Minneapolis Area Intergovernmental Cooperation

The Minneapolis-St. Paul area has been a model of regional cooperation, even to the extent of sharing revenues among individual jurisdictions in order to support regional services. This type of cooperation could be mentioned as an example of how local initiative, planning and decision-making can yield positive results.

7. Miscellaneous Notes

- In general, conditions in Minnesota are good and problems mild. The State is prosperous and, except for the drought, the future is promising.
- The President has strong support in the metropolitan areas, out-polling even Carter. His support is softest with the farmers, who are for Reagan.
- The President's proposal for increasing the inheritance tax is popular with the farmers, especially with land values increasing rapidly.



- Party registration breaks down as follows:

- 17% Independent - Republican
- 38% Democrat - Farmer - Labor (DFL)
- 45% Independent (with approximately 60% Republican)

8. Minnesota Party Platform *

Attached is an advance copy of the 1976 Platform, to be adopted at the State Convention this weekend. This was sent to us by former Governor LeVander with the comment, "The President can certainly endorse the ten principles."

*I did not attach the platform, which basically is very broad, general statements of traditional party faith.

Attachment



BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP
TO MINNESOTA BY REP. AL QUIE

- The President should stress the differences between Republican proposals in the Congress and those offered by Democrats.
- Stress that the Republican programs such as revenue sharing retain the freedom of decision-making at the local level.
- Besides revenue sharing, other issues such as adequate defense, operating the government in the open (sunshine law), the President's program to help people without putting them on welfare.
- The economy of Minnesota is agricultural. They are concerned about any embargoes on agricultural products and the problem of reduced crops this year because of the drought. Secretary Butz has been asked to send someone out to view the drought conditions and if this has not been done and if the rains have not arrived by the time the President arrives, he should be prepared to announce some sort of action.



BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP
TO MINNESOTA CALLED IN BY REP. TOM HAGEDORN

1. Suggests the President play on the economy because Minnesota has not suffered as much as the rest of the country. He said the talk should center on the economic recovery and renewed confidence.
2. The President should bring out how he has restored integrity to the office of the President considering the difficult time when he took over.
3. Agriculture and related foreign sales of agriculture products.
4. Estate tax reform - suggests criticism of Ullman position
5. Mention drought conditions in the midwest, especially Minnesota. (Mr. Hagedorn mentioned a helicopter review by the President of the drought situation in the 2nd and 6th districts after the planned events in Minnesota. He would be happy to accompany the President and also suggests inviting the 6th district Republican candidate.)



MINNESOTA DROUGHT

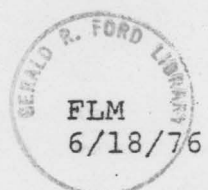
Q: What has your Administration done to aid farmers in Minnesota hurt by the current drought?

A: On June 16, 1976, I declared emergencies for the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin and South Dakota, which provide Federal assistance for the transportation of hay to feed the livestock of the stricken areas. This action complements the Department of Agriculture's sale of oats at a reduced rate to livestock owners.

BACKGROUND

The requests for Federal assistance by the governors of the three States in question included full purchase of livestock feed as well as transportation. The emergency declaration and complementary USDA action, however, only provide for transportation of hay and the sale of oats from government surplus, which conform with past Federal precedent.

The drought is continuing in the three State area and may cause crop damage but this can not be determined immediately.



Mr. Ripley, I'm delighted to have one of my favorite dresses in this very special collection. When I brought visitors to this Hall, never in my wildest dreams did I expect to ever be here myself.

I've often heard children in the hall point and ask: who is that lady? That's the way I feel today. Surely, the answer isn't Betty Ford. It's going to take a while to get used to the idea I could come over to the Smithsonian and see myself. *But let's face it, I can't help but be* ~~I'm~~ very thrilled.

Like so many Americans, I've been educated and entertained by the many wonders of the Smithsonian. I just want to say thanks to all who work so hard to keep the Smithsonian such a fascinating and growing treasure house. You really are doing a fabulous job, and I'm very honored to become part of the Institute.

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*new close
includes special
thank you to
three GOP congressmen*

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Memo to Betty Ford

From Elly

Re Trip to Minnesota

We have had a difficult time getting the proper PR on Women for President Ford. Therefore, you will be signing up in Minneapolis as their No. 1 signature and hopefully we can get some press on this. It would be nice to mention in your speech later how pleased you are to have Women for President Ford off the ground - how supportive he is, etc.

Cong. Apher Nelson also suggested that you might want to say how grateful the President is to the minority members of Congress who have stuck with him on the vetoes to insure some stability to the nation's finances - and also to those Jeffersonian Democrats who have been helpful and say how pleased he is that the Minnesota Steering Committee has the three members of the Delegation on it: Quie, Frenzel and Hagedorn.

This latter statement is especially good as some feel that occasionally Cong. Hagedorn wavers a bit - and I know that Mrs. Lund did ask the President to give him a ring when she was in last week.

Have some questions on how to go about handling the Senators, Congressmen's wives who are helping us and I'll get to you soon for your advice

Thanks for everything - Dor McHugh said you were a smash in New York!



PRESS COVERAGE FOR MRS. FORD'S VISIT TO THE STATE CONVENTION

12:15 remarks, MRS. FORD, from
 main stage on convention floor.

Full Press coverage from one of three
 designated press areas

PHOTO session:

12:30 MRS. FORD will visit two booths in hallway
 adjacent to main convention floor - the GOP
 Feminists Caucus & the Women for Ford booth.
 EXPANDED Pool coverage. Pool reporters
 are requested to draft a pool report and
 post in press room.

<u>reporters</u>	<u>STILLS</u>	<u>reels</u>
AP	ST PAUL DISP & PION Press	(one person each)
UPI	mpls star	KSTP
net pool corresp (cbs)	mpls trib	WTEN
local TV pool corresp (KSTP)	AP	WCCO
radio corresp (WCCO)	UPI	NBC
mpls tribune	fargo forum	ABC
st paul pioneer press	minn daily	KCMT
	sun nspr	_____

NOTE: immediately upon conclusion of Mrs. Ford's
 remarks, pool participants should proceed with
 press representative to hallway area.

KROC
 CBS
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 KMSP



Minnesota

Press Contact: Mark Olson 612/725-2173

Credentiailling: Maybeth Christensen 612/725-2173

Closes Thurs. @ Noon.

Schedule Available Wed Night.

@ 1:00 She will speak to the Minnesota.

State Convention - St Paul Civic Auditorium

Plymouth Mass

Contact + Credentiailling - Carol Sorell 212/593-6333

Closes Fri @ ~~12~~ 5:00 pm

2:30 - Pilgrim Hall Museum

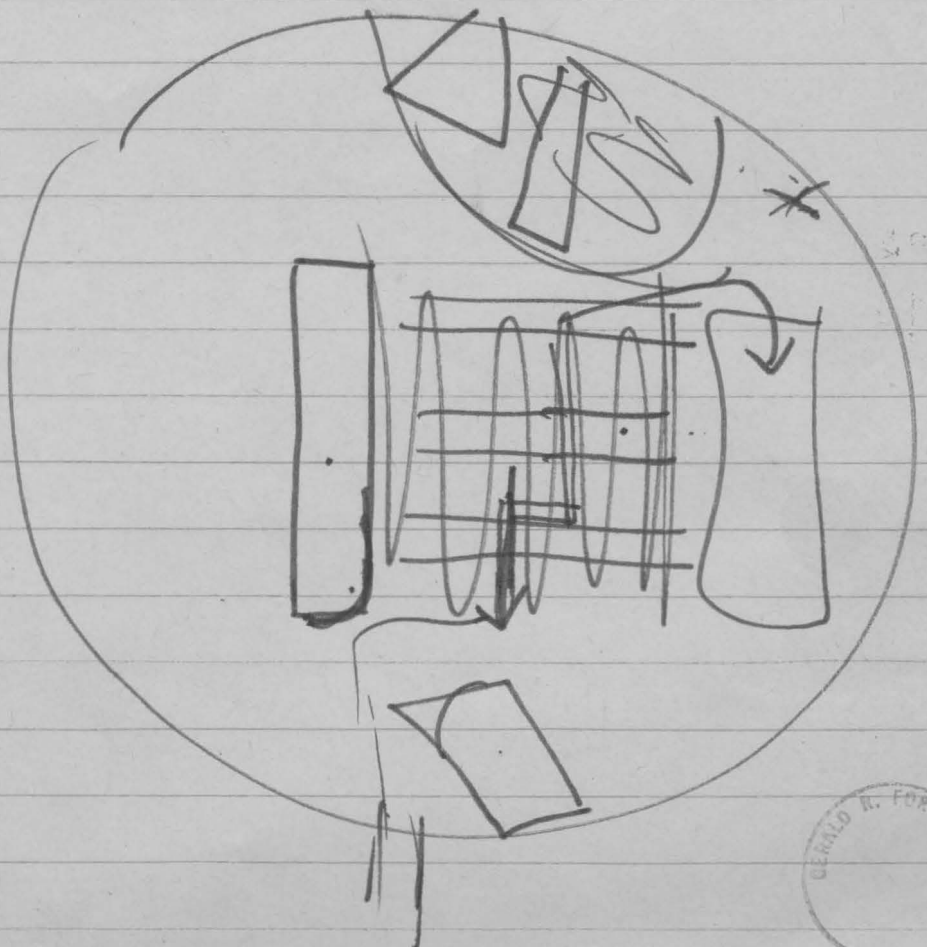
Schedule Available Sat

12⁰⁰ Lunch
Box w/ Delegates
-CBS



Minnneapolis

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Patti Matson	202 395 2000	THE WHITE HOUSE WASH, D.C.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Sheila,

I'm recommend this
article on the Niles fight.
I did not include it
in Mrs. Ford's material, because
the fight will be resolved
tonight. She will be
briefed tomorrow in Minn
on the outcome.

(K)

Background on Delegates

Minnesota has 42 delegates. Twenty-four delegates have already been chosen; three each from the eight Congressional districts. Of these 24 delegates, 16 are committed to the President, five to Reagan and three are uncommitted.

The convention, which has 1976 delegates, will choose the remaining 18 delegates. Of the 1976 delegates to the state convention, PFC people estimate 55 to 60 percent are for the President. An effort is underway by the PFC in Minnesota to structure the rules to give the President a better chance of getting all or almost all of the 18 at-large delegates. You will be briefed by PFC people about the outcome of that effort.

Rule Shift Key To Ford Sweep Of Minn. Votes

By Eric Pianth

Special to The Washington Post

ST. PAUL, Minn.—President Ford has a chance to sweep the 18 at-large delegates to be elected here Friday at the Minnesota Independent Republican Party

national delegate elected receive at least a majority of the votes cast at the state convention. Two or more ballots would have to be cast in order to accomplish this.

Unemployment
dropped

good 1.1 % dropped to
example here - 4.8 %
released
this wk.

leaves main hall -
outside
12:30 - Everyone
Main platform
leaves main hall -
outside
(Relay lead & almost here & proceeds here)

ft. to St. Paul Civic
Addition
Arrive 12:10 -
Speakers 12:15 - 12:20



9:00 Wt
9:30 Andrews
11:20 Minn. St. Paul, Ar
at air force Reserve Field

12:15 ~~12:15~~ Remerley
at Convention
St. Paul Civic Center

(7:00-2:00) may meet with
some delegates privately
GOP Feminist Caucus
booth (Women's political caucus)
Women United for Ford
petition - Elly Peterson
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 24, 1976

Dear Mrs. Sage:

Mrs. Ford and I send you our heartfelt sympathy on the death of Dr. Sage. While there is little we can say to ease the pain of your great loss, we hope that the knowledge that Dr. Sage's dedication to the welfare of his fellowman will be remembered and emulated for years to come will bring consolation to you.

May you and your family be strengthened and comforted at this sad and difficult time. Our hearts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

Mrs. Maurice Sage
200 Central Park, South
New York, New York

Minnesota

Entered the Union: May 11, 1858, the 32nd state

Capitol: St. Paul

Nickname: North Star State, Gopher State

Motto: "L'Etoile du Nord," Star of the North

Area: 84,068 sq. miles (ranks 12th)

Population: 3,804,971 (ranks 19th)

Misc: Name Minnesota is from a Sioux word meaning clouded or milky, referring to the Missouri River

Economy

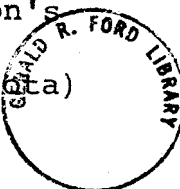
Despite its northern location and sometimes bitter weather, Minnesota is one of the Nation's leading farm states. Two thirds of the state is rolling prairie with prosperous farms. The products of these farms bring in receipts of over two billion dollars a year.

Livestock is the chief source of farm income.

Minnesota also is one of the major dairy states. It ranks third in dairy cows and first in the production of butter. Turkeys and hogs also are important.

Minnesota ranks first in the production of oats, second in hay and fourth in corn, but most of this grain is used as livestock feed. The state is also an important producer of soybeans, flaxseed, barley, rye and sugar beets.

The state also has rich mineral deposits. It is the leading iron ore producer, mining more than half the Nation's yearly output. The famed Mesabi Range (in Northern Minnesota)




and the iron rich Vermilion and Cuyuna ranges are located in the state. Minnesota is third Nationally in granite production.

Manufacturing is gaining a foothold in the state. Long a center of the flour milling industry (Pillsbury is headquartered in Minneapolis), southern Minnesota now produces such products as electrical machinery, chemicals, paper, stone and glass products and lumber.

The Twin Cities are thriving centers of business, cultural and sports activities for the upper Midwest. The University of Minnesota, one of the largest University systems in the Nation, has its Main campus in Minneapolis and a smaller campus, primarily for agriculture-type courses, in St. Paul.

Minneapolis also has a resident repertory theatre, the Tyrone Guthrie, an outstanding symphony, an art museum, and the downtown area also was one of the first cities to have a mall. (Seen in the opening scenes of the Mary Tyler Moore)

The sports complex, where the Vikings and the Twins play is located in Bloomington (near the commercial airport), because Bloomington is between the two cities. Although side by side, St. Paul and Minneapolis are distinct cities




with different personalities.

St. Paul, the smaller of the Twin Cities, is an old river town. It was for many years the larger of the two. While Minneapolis attracted Swedes and WASPs, St. Paul got more Irish and German Catholics. Minneapolis, the Nation's largest grain-milling center, is the more metropolitan of the two with more of the business offices centered there. Companies like 3M, General Mills, Control Data and Investors Diversified Services are based in the Twin Cities.

Minnesota is known as the land of ten thousand lakes (actually it has 15,290 lakes over ten acres in size) and has more inland water than any other state. The lakes coupled with the beautiful forests with their abundant game attracts many vacationers and sportsmen. Out-of-state visitors bring over \$800 million to the state annually.

Winter sports naturally are very big in Minnesota, although there are few good ski areas in the state itself. Ice hockey is a great favorite, and the annual state-wide high school tournament is a major event. In the winter, the many, many parks in the Twin Cities always have an area for ice skating.



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The population of Minnesota is 98 percent white. Almost ten percent of the population is first or second generation Germans, Swedes or Norwegian. The Scandinavian-German influence is reflected in many ways, especially the strength of the Catholic and Lutheran Churches.

Political

The Governor, both Senators and five of the eight Representatives from Minnesota are Democrats, or rather members of the Democratic-Farm-Labor Party. The DFL was formed from the populist Farm-Labor Party, very strong in Minnesota in the 1930s, and the Democrats in the 1940s. Hubert Humphrey was the leading organizer of the merger, which resulted in a DFL sweep in 1948 and dominance in Minnesota politics since then.

The three GOP Congressmen are Al Quie, Tom Hagedorn and Bill Frenzel. Quie represents the 1st district, whose farms, grain elevator towns and small, pleasant cities are more like the rest of the rural Midwest farther south. This southeast corner of Minnesota is much like Iowa and more Republican than the state of Minnesota as a whole.

The district's largest city is Rochester, home of the Mayo clinic, and former home of Supreme Court Justice



Harry Blackman.

Congressman Quie is described by the Almanac of American Politics as "the most politically safe Republican in the entire state." He was first elected in a special election in 1958. He is ranking GOP member of the Education and Labor Committee with a reputation for hard work on constituency matters and moderation. Quie, 52, is a former dairy farmer.

Rep. Tom Hagedorn, 32, was elected to represent the 2nd District in 1964. This was Ancher Nelsen's old seat. The 2nd is in south central Minnesota, and most of the people live in the valley of the Minnesota River. Most of the towns are old and strongly Republican. Hagedorn, a farmer, was considered one of the most conservative members of the Minnesota House. In the U.S. Congress, he got a seat on the Agriculture Committee.

Rep. Bill Frenzel from the 3rd District was first elected to Congress in 1970, when Clark MacGregor left the House to run for the Senate. The third is composed mostly of the suburban areas of Minneapolis. Despite the fact the District has the highest median income of any Minnesota district, it is by no means heavily Republican.



REPRESENTATIVE BILL FRENZEL OF MINNESOTA

GAVE ME THIS VERY SPECIAL BUTTON.

IT SAYS "BETTY'S HUSBAND FOR PRESIDENT IN '76."

AND THAT'S THE REASON I'M HERE, BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN MY HUSBAND
AND WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR THE COUNTRY.

YOU REMEMBER WHAT THE COUNTRY WAS LIKE WHEN HE TOOK OFFICE,
AND IN 22 MONTHS HE HAS REALLY TURNED AMERICA AROUND.

*BROUGHT US OUT OF ECONOMIC CRISIS.

*WITH HELP OF BILL FRENZEL, AL QUIE AND TOM HAGEDORN,
HAS VETOED BILLS THAT SAVED TAXPAYERS 13 BILLION DOLLARS
AND ESTABLISHED A CONSERVATIVE APPROACH TO SPENDING.

*PROVIDED STRONG, CALM LEADERSHIP AT HOME AND ABROAD.

*RESTORED HONESTY AND INTEGRITY TO THE WHITE HOUSE.



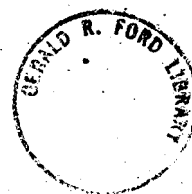
I WANT TO SAY SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE PRESIDENT'S

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SUPPORTERS IN MINNESOTA---ESPECIALLY BILL FRENZEL, AL QUIE
AND TOM HAGEDORN. HE APPRECIATES THEIR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE
IN HIS RECORD AND THEIR WORK IN THE CAMPAIGN.

AMERICA NEEDS A STRONG, DECENT AND HARD-WORKING LEADER
TO BEGIN OUR THIRD CENTURY. JERRY FORD IS THAT LEADER,
AND HE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT TO STAY ON THE JOB. MINNESOTA
CAN HELP MAKE THAT BUTTON READ: "BETTY'S HUSBAND IS PRESIDENT."

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July 1, 1976

Dear Rochelle,

A note of thanks for your time and effort in making the press for Mrs. Ford's recent visit to Minnesota go so smoothly.

Your efficiency and expertise were much appreciated, and I was grateful to have you as my contact. You are a real pro.

Again, Rochelle, thanks. On behalf of Mrs. Ford, we are grateful to you.

Sincerely,

Patti Matson
Patti Matson

Assistant Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Ms. Rochelle Barnhart
3322 Clinton Avenue
South Minneapolis, Minnesota

pm/se



July 1, 1976

Dear Hap,

A note of thanks for all your time, patience and hard work during Mrs. Ford's recent visit.

Both Pete and I were grateful to have people of yours and Dorothy's caliber to work with. You were much appreciated.

On behalf of Mrs. Ford, Hap, again--thanks.

Sincerely,

Patti Matson

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Assistant Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Mr. Harold LeVander, Jr.
7065 Aberdeen
St. Paul, Minnesota

pm/se



July 1, 1976

Dear Dorothy,

You were just great during Mrs. Ford's recent visit to Minneapolis. From all of us who worked with you--thanks.

You and Hap are real pros and were invaluable. Thank you for your time, your organization--and especially your dedication.

On behalf of Mrs. Ford, we are grateful to you.

Sincerely,

Patti Matson
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Assistant Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Ms. Dorothy Liljegren
16545 9th Avenue No.
Wayzata, Minnesota

pm/se



July 1, 1976

Dear Mark,

What would I have done without you???

You were fantastic, and your help during Mrs. Ford's trip to Minnesota was much appreciated. Your patience and your saavy were invaluable. I enjoyed you very much, Mark, and hope we'll have a chance to get together again.

My sincere thanks to Candy as well.

My very best wishes.

Patti Matson

Patti Matson

Assistant Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Mr. Mark Olson
% The Honorable William Frenzel
110 S. 4th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

pm/se



July 20, 1976

Dear Chuck:

I wanted to write and tell you what an outstanding press person you have in Rochelle Barnhart.

She is totally reliable and saavy, hard-working, efficient and obviously well-respected by the press. Because she is also low-key and unassuming, I'm afraid she won't tell you how great she is, and that's why I'm taking the opportunity to do it instead.

She did an outstanding job in working with those of us on Mrs. Ford's staff during your state convention. And because her sense of fairness is so inherent, I'm certain Governor Reagan's press people found her equally cooperative. I was grateful to have her as my contact.

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Patti Matson
Assistant Press Secretary
to Mrs. Ford'

Mr. Chuck Slocum
555 Wabasha
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

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Independent Republican Party

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