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July 16, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY
FROM: JIM CAVANAUGH
SUBJECT: Search for 26 Children--2nd Wire Story

Here is the second wire story on the latest California development:

"WASHINGTON (AP)--President Ford authorized Atty. Gen. Edward H. Levi Friday to call on the resources of any Federal agency in the search for 26 children and a school bus driver who vanished in California.

"Press secretary Ron Nessen said Ford telephoned Levi after receiving an initial report from the FBI that said it will substantially increase its recourses [sic] devoted to the case.

"Nessen, who had described Ford earlier as 'quite concerned' for the safety of the children and their driver, said the FBI submitted a brief factual report to the President in mid-afternoon.

"Ford has asked to be kept informed about the case on a continuing basis."

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cc: Ron Nessen

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY
FROM: JIM CAVANAUGH
SUBJECT: Search for 26 Children and Driver

Here is the first wire story on the latest California development:

"Washington (UPI)--President Ford directed Attorney General Edward H. Levi Friday to use all available FBI and government agency resources in the search for the 26 children and their schoolbus driver who vanished near Chowchilla, Calif., in a possible kidnaping.

"White House press secretary Ron Nessen told reporters that Ford had received a page and a half report from the FBI, giving a factual rundown on what it had discovered so far in the disappearance of the children, who vanished Thursday on a swimming trip.

"Other Administration sources indicated the report contained no strong clues on the disappearance.

"Nessen said Ford telephone Levi and ordered him to call in 'all resources needed' and to call on any Federal agencies to assist in the hunt.

"Nessen said Ford asked to be kept informed of developments."

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