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MEMORANDUM TO: Ron Nessen Philip Buchen
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FROM: Ralph Griffith *Ralph Griffith*
 Executive Director

We now have Republican gubernatorial nominees in 13 of the 14 races, with only the State of Washington left with a primary and that scheduled September 21.

Winning yesterday were: Governor Meldrim Thomson in New Hampshire; David Flaherty in North Carolina; Attorney General Vernon Romney in Utah and Richard Snelling in Vermont.

That gives us the following contests in November:

Arkansas-----Leon Griffith (R) vs. Gov. David Pryor (D).
Delaware-----U.S. Rep. Pete du Pont (R) vs. Gov. Sherman W. Tribbitt (D)
Illinois-----James Thompson (R) vs. Michael Howlett (D).
Indiana-----Governor Otis Bowen (R) vs. Sec. of State Larry Conrad (D).
Missouri-----Governor Christopher S. Bond (R) vs. Joe Teasdale (D).
Montana-----Atty. Gen. Robert Woodahl (R) vs. Gov. Thomas L. Judge (D).
New Hampshire ----Gov. Meldrim Thomson (R) vs. Harry Spanos (D).
North Carolina ---David Flaherty (R) vs. Lt. Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. (D)
North Dakota ----Richard Elkin (R) vs. Gov. Arther L. Link (D).
Rhode Island-----James Taft (R) vs. Lt. Gov. Joseph Garrahy (D).
Utah-----Atty. Gen. Vernon Romney (R) vs. Scott Matheson (D)
Vermont-----Richard Snelling (R) vs. State Treasurer Stella Hackel (D).
West Virginia-----Cecil Underwood (R) vs. John D. (Jay) Rockefeller IV (D)

Washington State's primary is September 21 and the race is apparently very close between County Executive John Spellman and County Assessor Harley Hoppe. On the other side former AEC Chairman Dixy Lee Ray is a few points ahead of Seattle Mayor West Uhlman.

As noted week-after-week throughout the summer, Republican gubernatorial nominees have a chance in every state except Arkansas. Our prospects are not good in West Virginia and North Carolina.

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In all other states, with the possible exception of Montana, good candidates have good organizations and have better than a 50/50 chance of winning the statehouse. This does not mean that the candidates in West Virginia and North Carolina are not articulate or good organizers. The circumstances there just indicate that those two states offer very difficult opportunities for us to win.

In Montana, which should be one of our better states, the candidate is making it difficult. He has put together a very weak campaign organization, which many of us are trying to improve. He is a difficult candidate, controversial and headstrong. He has won two previous statewide races and should know how to run a gubernatorial race. This should be a winner and will only fail if the organizational effort fails.

Find attached a list of our nominees, their campaign managers. addresses, etc.

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REPUBLICAN GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEES - 1976

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C/M Mr. Jerry Vogelgesang

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C/M Mr. Richard Eckman

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(312) 443-1976
C/M Mr. Jim Fletcher

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Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
(317) 634-7676
C/M Mr. J.B. King

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Honorable Christopher S. Bond
421 Monroe Street
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101
(314) 635-4115
C/M Mr. Geoff McCarron

MONTANA

Mr. Robert L. Woodahl
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Great Falls, Montana 59403
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*Republican candidates - primary September 21