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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 24, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
THROUGH: DICK CHENEY  
FROM: MIKE DUVAL *Mike*  
SUBJECT: PLATFORM HEARINGS

We have had informal discussions with Governor Ray and Marty Anderson representing Governor Reagan, concerning who should testify at the Platform hearings to be held in Kansas City the week preceeding the Convention. We have reached tentative agreement at the staff level on a list of witnesses which could be invited. Bill Timmons, Jim Baker and Bryce Harlow concur in these suggestions:

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>
<u>Foreign Policy and National Defense</u>		
Vice President Rockefeller	<u>MR7</u>	_____
<u>Economy and Agriculture</u>		
William Simon	<u>MR7</u>	_____
Alan Greenspan	<u>MR7</u>	_____
Elliot Richardson	<u>MR7</u>	_____
Earl Butz	<u>MR7</u>	_____
Carla Hills	<u>MR7</u>	_____
<u>Government Spending (Carter's budget)</u>		
James Lynn	<u>MR7</u>	_____

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Under this proposal, the following members of the Cabinet would not be invited to testify:

Secretary Kissinger  
 Secretary Rumsfeld  
 Attorney General Levi  
 Secretary Kleppe  
 Secretary Mathews  
 Secretary Usery  
 Secretary Coleman

The following non-Administration witnesses are under consideration:

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>
<u>Republican Philosophy</u>		
Herman Kahn	_____	_____
Irving Kristol	_____	_____
<u>Defense and Foreign Policy</u>		
John Connally	<u>NR7</u>	_____
Joseph Sisco	_____	_____
John Foster	<u>NR7</u>	_____
<u>Jobs and the Cost of Living</u>		
Art Laffer (University of Chicago)	_____	_____
Lane Kirkland (AFL-CIO)	_____	_____
Murray Weidenbaum (American Enterprise Institute)	_____	_____
Ethel Allen (Black Republican Member of Philadelphia City Council)	_____	_____
<u>Congressional Ethics</u>		
Congressman Frenzel	<u>NR7</u>	_____

Agree

Disagree

Crime

James Q. Wilson

Agree

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Heritage Committee Report

Mitchell Kobelinski (testifying  
in his RNC role -- not as head  
of SBA)

Agree

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TALKING POINTS

- The Platform as adopted by the Full Committee on Friday is a good statement of our principles and policies.
  
- It should be adopted by the Convention without amendments.
  
- Governor Ray did an excellent job -- the hearings and markup session were open to the public and press, and the results represent the mainstream of the Republican Party.

