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Status Report on North Dakota per conversation with Ed Terrill--7/6/76

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Hard Count: Total delegates -- 580

Ford	Reagan	Uncommitted	No Contact
291	67	136	86

We have the majority at the present time even if all the uncommitteds and no contacts break for Reagan. The problem is twofold, however.

- 1. Reagan is going to Bismarck Wednesday night to host a series of one on one conferences with the delegates. He is going to continue meetings Thursday morning and address the State convention at 10:30 a.m. Jimmy Stewart and an entourage of entertainers are going to be with Reagan. This may well swing some people.
- 2. Our counters are Congressman Vander Jagt, Michigan State Chairman Bill McLaughlin and Bill Gorog from the Domestic Council; also, Elly Peterson from the PFC. Terrill needs Kleppe to go to North Dakota, and so far Kleppe has backed off on the idea. Even though Kleppe has been away from the state since '70 Terrill feels he can be helpful. Tim Austin is trying to work this out. It would also be helpful to have a big name athlete like Roger Staubach in our Hospitality Suite Wednesday night and Thursday morning if possible. The breakdown on the slate looks like:

Ford	Reagan	Leaning Ford	Leaning Reagan	Uncommitted
11	4	1	1	1

Terrill believes that we may come out 14-4 in the end. Allan Young has been very helpful this past week and has personally turned 2 soft delegates for Ford. Terrill will have a final hard count by tomorrow afternoon.