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NOTES ON VIRGINIA

1. Governor Mills Godwin was called about 4:00 p. m. today to discuss generally the Virginia situation. He advises the following:

Step One -- Set up a meeting at the earliest convenience with Obenshain and the President. It would be helpful for McMath to accompany him but not necessary, particularly if General Olmsted sets up the meeting.

Step Two -- If convenient, follow-up on the Obenshain meeting with a short meeting of the President and McMath. It might be helpful if the President were to call McMath on the phone prior to the Obenshain meeting. It may be that a phone call will suffice **for McMath without a personal meeting.

Step Three-- Later in July invite in a larger group of the delegates for a meeting with the President.

Step Four -- In the meantime, initiate a series of phone calls to selected delegates in Virginia. This list would include the following, and the Governor will furnish additional names for calls on Monday:

- Willard Forbes (wants Connally for VP)
- Ray Edwards
- Calvin Smith
- George McMath

2. Godwin indicates concern about pursuing challenges to the delegates. He fears this will be counter productive and will create animosities between the factions which currently do not now exist. He recommends any such move be carefully considered because he fears it would be a mistake.

** Because he is a State Chairman, it is recommended that a drop in meeting in the Oval Office for approximately five minutes would be very helpful, particularly in that it will enhance McMath's credibility with the delegates.

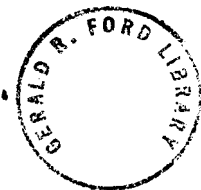


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MEMORANDUM ON VIRGINIA

Lee Potter has been called this morning. He wants to be of help. He has agreed to call Stanhagen and J. D. Marsh. He indicated he will also be available to assist in any other way we might suggest.

Because of his knowledge of Virginia and reputation among Party regulars, it is strongly suggested that he be incorporated into the Virginia effort and used as a resource person.



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MEMORANDUM FOR:

DICK CHENEY

FROM:

JACK MARSH

Tennant Bryan, owner and publisher of the Richmond Times Dispatch and the Richmond News Leader, as well as papers in Winston/Salem, North Carolina and Tampa, Florida would like for his six top editorial writers to visit here in Washington for perhaps a day to have a meeting with people like yourself, Dent, Baker and others for the purpose of giving his editors a better perspective of the President, his program, his policies and issues.

Tennant Bryan is a well-known publisher and conservative voice who is supportive of the President. His paper, the Richmond Times Dispatch, is the voice of Virginia and is influential throughout the South. He indicated he wants to help the President.

As I understand it, he envisions an informal give-and-take forum so that his editors can have a better understanding of President Ford. It is my hope this will be a prelude to a Ford endorsement as we move into the campaign.

Sometime during the meeting he would like for us to arrange a handshake and quick hello with Passkey. I might add that he would like to have the editors meeting as quickly as possible and I would suggest the first of next week, if you concur.

Please advise.

