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HRC
TO: BO

Feb 10, 1976

FM: LEO

RE: CONG JAMES H. QUILLEN, TENN

He is solidly with the President.

He is very pragmatic, ie., our first priority is win

According to him, we must win N.H. and we must do whatever is legitimately necessary to win. If that means the President has to spend five days there in the next two weeks, do it.

If we don't win the first one not much sense worrying about the second.

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ADDITIONAL COPY TO: BRAD HAYS

F.Y.I.



Bob Maize

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TO: BO ^{ANC}

Feb 11, 1976

FM: LEO

RE: CONG MATTHEW RINALDO, N.J.

Cong Rinaldo is very much for the President and very excited about how badly things are going for the PFC in N.J.

According to him, a month ago we would have gotten all 22 delegates (not counting the 3 per cong dist) and today they (state and county Republican party people) are talking about going 50/50 with the RR folks.

He see absolutely no PFC activity in his district but a lot of RR organizational effort.

He thinks very highly of Tom Kean, but also thinks that Tom just doesn't have the time to do the "nuts and bolts" of the required PFC organizational effort that is needed to turn this thing around.

Joe Intile (sp) (spc ass't to Rep state chairman, Webster Todd) says the answer is: Hire Cong Rinaldo's AA, Conover Spenser, and put him to work full time in the State. Conover is past Ex. Dir. of the Party in N.J. and according to Rinaldo, would be the most qualified man to turn it around for us. Rinaldo also indicated he would allow him to do it. This was all his idea but he is really sincere about wanting to help and is very concerned that things are rapidly falling apart for us in his opinion.

He feels we must begin, and yesterday was a bit late!

He will advocate, surrogate or do whatever he can to help.

He says all three congresspeople from N.J. should be strongly and publicly backing the President in speeches -- this isn't happening according to him.

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F.Y.I. ACTION SCHEDULING



MEMORANDUM

February 16, 1976

FROM: LEO

RE: ILLINOIS

Spoke at Lincoln Day Dinner in Paxton, Illinois (Ford County) on February 13, 1976, and the following night at the Elmhurst Country Club, Wooddale, Illinois - Congressman John Erlenborn's district.

PAXTON

Filled in for Mel Laird. The event was very successful, well received - they were impressed. Les Arends followed my speech -- "he is a legend in his own time". Approximately 350 people Strong President Ford country for two reasons 1) Les Arends solid support for the President and 2) the President came into this area when Les Arends retired from Congress.

Also Charlie Hamm - Republican County Chairman extremely effective, and solidly with President Ford.

WOODDALE, ILLINOIS CANDIDATE NIGHT

Candidates Night sponsored by DuPage Federation of Republican Women's Clubs - Mary Walton - President. (She is President of all the women's clubs in the county) She is a strong backer of Reagan, and this function was by invitation only so it was solidly a Reagan crowd. A comment that was made to me by the PFC people in Illinois - Jim Helm said "they hardly acknowledged the PFC organization. Initially they were going to play "California Here I Come" as Reagan walked in but they got it toned down a little bit. Basically the evening was about 2500 people- nearly all had Reagan buttons- ladies wearing Reagan hats etc. PFC did get up some big posters and a few people had Ford Buttons. We got some material out about five minutes before it started. Reagan came, spoke and left.

I was introduced by Congressman Erlenborn, spoke about 20 minutes and then Congressman Erlenborn and I left.

It was a tough crowd, a Reagan crowd- the facilities were poor and the people in the hallway noisy.

It was a RR function, we had no votes going in and I know we got at least a few coming out so it was worth the effort.

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F.Y.I.



TO: BO ~~STU~~
STU

Feb 18, '76

FM: LEO

RE: CONG CALDWELL BUTLER, VA.

It's like he said two months ago - we don't have much going for us in Va. We need organization, we need to get involved in delegate selection, etc, etc.

He did say that he was surprised at the grass roots strength of the President but was very concerned that it was so hard to raise money and felt that was a bad sign.

Thought the President did a good job last nite on TV.

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F.Y.I.



Bob m.



TO: BO
STU

Feb 18, '76

FM: LEO

RE: CONG JOHN P HAMMERSCHMIDT, ARK

He believes we have "one of the best" in our state PFC political chairman.

He also believes the democrat we have as our new finance PFC chairman is a top notch find.

Believes the President has good support and strength among Ark Republicans.

He is not publicly for the President, BUT, it is not secret that he is for the President. The filing date is not till April and sees no reason to ask for opposition in the Primary.

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ADDITIONAL COPY TO: BRAD HAYS
JOHN DAVIS

F.Y.I.



TO: BO ^{WNC}
STU

Feb 18, 1976

FM: LEO

RE: CONG PAUL FINDLEY.

Cong Findley called to make two points: both relative to RR and Fla.

1. From what President Ford said last nite, RR must have said or eluded to making social security on a voluntary basis. Paul is convinced that could kill RR in Fla - use it, that's about half of what did Goldwater in.

2. Thinks the President could really sweep Fla by saying he will try to do away with the mandatory retirement age in order to get the maximum benefits - - which they have already earned and paid for years before.

*Fred,
Stu } do it has any research on
what this would cost - or whether its
practical. Bo*

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ACTION STU AND FRED SLIGHT



February 18, 1976

MEMORANDUM

TO: BO ✓ HNC
STU

FROM: LEO

RE: CONGRESSMAN BILL ARMSTRONG, COLORADO

He believes we are starting to go too far in painting RR as completely out of contact with reality in some, if not most of RR programs.

His point is this: If we completely alienate that part of the party ----the nomination will be meaningless.

He used this example: Think what would have happened if Rocky had defeated Goldwater in '64 -- he says with the split created in the party that Rocky would not have run any better than Goldwater.

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F.Y.I.



TO: BO ^{HHC}
STU

Feb 19, '76

FM: LEO

RE: CONG JOEL PRITCHARD, WASH

(most time was spend with his AA, Herb Stone, and just a couple minutes with Joel, off the floor)

Joel is going to N.H. tomorrow - Feb 20, in our behalf.

Sees very little PFC grass roots organizational effort in King County (Seattle). There is quite a bit of RR activity however.

He says the Rep party is in a shamble in Washington. Therefore, it's nice to have the endorsement of the party office holders, but it really doesn't mean much.

Both the Congressman and his AA separately made this point: "there is no real enthusiasm for the President." When asked what we, the PFC organization in D.C. can do about it --"nothing, it's got to be done by the folks in the grass roots area."

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F.Y.I.



TO: BO ^{HHC}
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Feb 19, '76

FM: LEO

RE: CONG DON CLAUSEN, CALIF

He is for the President, but a tough position cause many of his supporters are also RR supporters and help RR in two elections.

→ Don would like a list of PFC people (organizational title holders) in his district in Calif - will let us know if good types, best approach with them, etc.

He says the answer is a President Ford/RR ticket. Don't worry about if RR is too old 5 yrs now to serve for 8 yrs as President (if he were Vice President).

The answer is to WIN this time, worry about 4 yrs from now, 4 yrs from now. Reason he gives that a Ford/RR ticket would be such a winnable ticket is that the President knows and can work with the congress, and they with him. And RR is an Ex Gov, knows state government and would know how to preach and implement decentralization of fed gov't back to states. And, according to Don, this is what the nation needs.

His biggest concern is that the President and RR don't tear up each other so that neither can win in November.

I am hearing more and more of this lately. If we create such a deep split that neither can win in November, we have really lost.

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ACTION DAVE LIGGETT



TO: BO
STU

Feb 23, '76

FM: LEO

RE: CONG LARRY WINN, JR, KANSAS

This is the report from their "Monday Morning Group," which has been meeting every Monday morning for last 10 years. (made up of conservative to moderate congress-people, no liberals)

This morning the question was asked and they went around the table:

"If the election were held tomorrow, who would win"

- Ohio - - - President Ford
- Calif - - - RR
- Tx - - - - President Ford
- Kansas - - - RR
- Idaho - - - RR
- Arizona- - - RR (somewhere between 2 to 1 and 4 to 1)
- Colo - - - too close to call
- Ill. - - - President Ford

Issue data

The administration has not done anything to help the farmer. Many farm states that traditionally are Republican and should be in his corner are going against him this time. It just plain fact that they feel the President lied to them. They are still bitter and things are not getting any better. (This is a unanious attitude from all rural congressman and senators which whom I have spoken. I personally don't think the adminsitration or this campaign realizes the significance of this fact.)

Every congressman at their meeting this morning thought it was just plain stupid and counter productive to criticize RR - certainly not in the image of the President, will turn around and bit him and may well cost the Republicans the White House this fall it it goes on.

(nearly every congressman and senator I talked to in the last 5-7 days has said this same thing - recommend we give this some rethinking.)

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ADDITIONAL COPY TO: DAVE OWEN

F.Y.I.



TO: BO ^{HRC}
STU

Feb 19, '76

FM: LEO

RE: CONG DON CLANCY, OHIO

He is solidly with the President.

He does all he can to give the true image of the President in his speeches in his district. ie., talks about how the President was one of the most knowledgeable congressman, worked harder and longer, one of the best 'managers' of legislation the house has ever had, etc.

He believes the official endorsement by the state Rep party has had a good effect in that it has filtered down to the counties, precincts and wards.

However, Buz Luken does have a certain following for the RR folks in his area.

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ADDITIONAL COPY TO: JOHN HOLT

F.Y.I.



TO: BO

Feb 23, '76

FM: LEO

RE: CONG CHARLES MOSHER, OHIO

Solidly for the President.

Feels the organizational people in Ohio are largely for the President but not as great a percentage are for the President.

He felt it was a bad mistake that we appointed two such old folks as our chairmen or honorary chairman. He said: "I'm 70 and they are much older than I, it will surprise many people that your chairmen are still alive."

His point was - the people who remember those old folks are for us anyway - we need some young people out front for us, as these oldies have no appeal to the independent and swing Democrat voters - which we need to win that area.

*Leo - Does he know Keith McNamee
(a young man) is Chairman - Butler and
Bolton (old) are honorary chairmen. B.*

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F.Y.I.



TO: BO

Feb 23, '76

FM: LEO

RE: CONG FLOYD SPENCE, S. CAR.

He not taken a position and probably will not before the nomination. Many of his supporters are RR folks. Also with the Governor of So Car for RR it is not as uncomfortable if take no positon.

He is enthusiastic about our PFC political state chairman. Say he is a good friend and we have a top notch "fella there."

Privately, reading between the lines, I believe we have his support.

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ADDITIONAL COPY TO: BRAD HAYS

F.Y.I.



TO: BO
FM: LEO
RE: CONG KEITH SEBELIUS, KA

Feb 24, '76

He is privately with the President, but will work hard for whomever wins the Rep nomination. A lot of RR support in his area.

He is not going to be a delegate.

Most delegates will be uncommitted from his district.

I got the same pitch about agriculture from him as from other congressmen and senators from rural America - ie., "sold out to Meany." We must do something about it.

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F.Y.I.



TO: BO

Mar 1, '76

FM: LEO

RE: SEN JOHN TOWER, TX

Senator Tower thinks the momentum has swung our way and has no immediate suggestions for doing anything different than we currently are doing.

He believes if we win Fla we will have "broken RR's back" and will have the nomination.

He is very satisfied with the delegation and PFC organization in Tex.

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F.Y.I.



TO: BO

Mar 1, '76

FM: LEO

RE: CONG CHARLES WIGGINS, CA

Solidly with us, will do whatever he can for the President.

He's convinced that RR must win the big states to get nomination; ie., won't get nomination at convention saying: "Look, I got 40% here, etc."

He says the President can and should win the Calif Primary. The Republican Primary votes are in Orange County and San Diego area. The President should go there but if he can't the person that can do the most good is Bill Simon.

Cong Wiggins will help set it up, -arrange for good TV coverage, etc and feels that of all the cabinet members, Bill Simon is the one to get there.

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ACTION SCHEDULING OFFICE



Bob m. ✓

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

Mar 1, '76

FM: LEO

RE: CONG GILMAN, N.Y. ABOUT FLA.

Ben Gilman called about Mr. Ronald Greenwald, 13 Francis Place, Monsey, N.Y.

Ron Greenwald is the person responsible for organizing the east coast for CREEP in getting the Jewish vote out in '72. He is interested in helping us do the same.

Probably be a volunteer (expenses only - but Ben was not sure on this).

Ben will send his resume tomorrow but he supposedly could help us a lot in Fla with the Jewish vote so no time to loose.

Ben asked to be kept informed on this situation.

Ben also is getting more names for us to plug into Bill's National Advisory Board Program.

Ben also wants to know who to contact if he has some volunteers that want to go to Fla to help - told him I would get back to him on this tomorrow - Mar 2.

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ADDITIONAL COPY TO: BILL ROBERTS - ACTION

BILL LOW



TO: BO

Mar 8, '76

FM: LEO

RE: CONG CLAIR BURGNER, CA

He is on the PFC advisory board in So Calif.

Has no complaints and thinks we are doing fine.

Hopes we have it won before we get to Calif as RR would probably win there.

He passes on a rumor to me I will track down; about how the PFC didn't want any conservatives in the organization.

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F.Y.I.



TO: BO

Mar 8, 76

FM: LEO

RE: CONG CARLOS MOORHEAD, CALIF

He has not, and will not, formally endorse either candidate.

He is basically for the President however.

He believes the President will get the nomination. (and he hopes RR will run for the Senate -- but really doesn't expect that to happen.)

Believes it is good that RR is running because:

1. Some conservative Democrats have reregistered so they can support RR - may stick with the Rep party now.
2. Some "Nixon dropouts" are returning to support RR.

He gave me the following "negatives" he has picked up about the President in his district:

1. Republican women are still mad about Betty Ford's attitude toward sex and drugs.
2. The "wishy-washy" image of the President is still there.
3. People perceive the President as a follower instead of a leader.

Today was the first time I've heard about this following point and it may bear looking into:

He told me that this morning the Republican Policy Committee voted unanimously to oppose the "Antitrust Parens Patriae Act." It has something to do with state Attorneys General being able to bring a class action suit for consumers. He said it is not a Republican philosophical position yet the administration is supposedly for it.

He made the point the President has initially come out on the wrong side of several bills or issues and had to change later which has given him this wishy-washy image. This new Parens Patriae Act may be another case in being on the wrong side.

Fred, F.I.

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FRED SLIGHT

F.Y.I.



R. Marik

Mar 8, '76

TO: BO
FM: LEO
RE: CONG BURT TALCOTT, CA

Thinks we are doing fine - continue whatever we are doing.

However, if we haven't won nomination by the time we get to California primary, "we have troubles."

Don't criticize RR, especially in Calif. He is the "hometown boy" and it would be counter productive to criticize especially there.

He thinks the stumbling-bumbling issue, although dying, helps us.

National defense is big in Calif so the President should be well versed on that issue, its impact, jobs it furnishes, etc when he is in Calif.

Fred
F.Y.I. //

Two issues for the President to avoid in Calif, if possible.

- 1. nuclear moratorium: which will be on the Calif. Primary.
- 2. 200 mile fishing limit.

(on the 200 mile issue: Fish don't read milage signs. If the President must address this issue, give a sophisticated response and address all resources of the sea and don't just give some simple cliches.)

(as he is a former aviator and POW, I assume his judgement is absolutely correct on any subject he cares to give an opinion.)

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FRED SLIGHT

F.Y.I.



TO: BO

Mar 8, '76

FM: LEO

RE: CONG JOE SKUBITZ, KA

He is for the President.

He does an excellent job of speaking out for the President every chance he gets.

Does not see much PFC activity in his area.

The President is still in trouble with the wheat farmers over the embargo.

He feels the answer is: "lots of rain and a good export market."

On common situs, he feels the President did the right thing for the right reason.

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F.Y.I.



Bob Marik

TO: BO
FM: LEO
RE: CONG JOHN McCOLLISTER, NEBR

Mar 8, '76



Recent survey taken by Omaha World Herald shows the President leading RR by about a 5 to 3 ratio - an improvement since the previous survey, which was taken before the N.H. Primary.

In the western part of Nebr the wheat farmers are still just plain bitter--and they are not getting over it.

John's legitimate concern is that if they are still mad come November and don't turn out to vote for the President, they won't be at the polls to vote for him either!

He feels the President can recover with them by putting together a good positive export grain package.

John feels very strongly about this export package solution. The more he talked about it the more I realized he has given it a lot of thoughts so I finally asked him to put his thoughts on paper and send them over, although I had no way to assure him I could ever get his recommendations in the hands of the President. He eagerly accepted and will do it.

*bo -
We can get
this read -
if not by the
Pres, try someone
else - by sure?
pass it on.*

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F.Y.I.





Mar 9, '76

TO: BO

FM: LEO

RE: CONG GUY VANDER JAGT MICH.

At the leadership meeting this week the President mentioned to Guy and Senator Ted Stevens that he would be more than happy to talk to house and senate candidates as he travels around the nation.

This is not to be "pep-talks" but to get the fence sitters on our side and to serve as a shot in the arm for their candidacy.

The President, House and Senate Campaign Committees agree it is a good idea, it's just that we don't have the mechanism to do it.

It would certainly be a plus for the candidates, and we surely need to elect as many Republicans as we can, and it may be a plus for us as the House and Senate Campaign committee get input we don't and this can be passed on to the President before going into the specific area.

Suggest we get our scheduling people, Rog Morton's office and the White House scheduler to work out the mechanism on how each group can get the word as soon as possible of the President's travels so the meeting can be set up.

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ACTION R.E.M. - F.Y.I.



TO: BO

Mar 9, '76

FM: LEO

RE: CONG ELWOOD HILLIS, IND

He is on the PFC Ind Committee.

Is very impressed with our PFC state Chairman, Don Cox.

Suggests we keep excellent rapport with RNC.

Thinks we are doing things right now and just keep it up.

(sure is fun to talk to these men now after we have a few wins under our belt - 4 weeks ago we were hardly doing anything correct.)

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ADDITIONAL COPY TO: JON HOLT

F.Y.I.



TO: BO

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Mar 9, '76

FM: LEO

RE: CONG DEL CLAWSON, CALIF

Keep doing what we are doing.

Democrats say we will win Fla. and Republicans say they hope we will win there.

Right now it's a "toss-up" in Calif but by primary time there we will have things going our way there also.

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F.Y.I.



TO: BO

✓ Mar 9, '76

FM: LEO

RE: CONG JOHN MYERS, IND

(Missed appt with him so talked to his AA, Ron Hardman)

He is for the President.

Hopes it will be all over for RR after Fla.

There is quite a bit of RR support in his dist but has not seen much RR or PFC activity there.

Seems to be good cooperation between PFC and the congressman and knows of no problems. -- --

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F.Y.I.



TO: BO

Mar 9, '76

FM: LEO

RE: CONG MANUEL LUJAN N.M.

Since he and Sen Domenici have taken the leadership we have gone from a forecast of 5 or 6 delegates to all 21 delegates!

He would like for us to see if we can get a 10-15 minute meeting scheduled (that was cancelled or turned down by the White House) between the President and Sen Domenici and him. Has to do with a VA hospital in Albuquerque.

He is very enthusiastic about the nomination and feels it will no longer be a race when it get to N.M.

*Bo. Approve X Disapprove
then do REM for Action*

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ADDITIONAL COPY TO: AL ZAPANTA

ACTION: MR. CALLAWAY _____ APPROVE _____ DISAPPROVE
SCHEDULING



Bob Marik

TO: BO

Mar 9, '76

FM: LEO

RE: SEN. BARRY GOLDWATER, AZ

Senator Goldwater believes President Ford will win; but the Senator feels he could and should win big.

He feels very strongly about some of his suggestions and seems rather disgusted that he can't get the President to accept them.

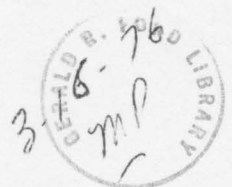
He feels the "only issue" RR has is foreign policy. He has suggested to the President and to Sec Kissinger that the President should go on TV, with maps, and show the American people where the trouble spots (for us) are in the world and tell the people what we are or or are trying to do about them.

He feels this kind of openness will really help the President and that the people deserve it. He says he is tired of asking and suggesting and has "washed his hands" of it.

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F.Y.I.



TO: BO
FM: LEO
RE: CONG DELBERT LATTA, OHIO

Mar 10, '76

He is now supporting the President.

Says there is some resentment in his district because people selected for the PFC organization are "the same old ones used by CREP," and it leaves a bad taste in people's mouths.

He indicated he too felt, to a degree this way. He indicated Keith McNamara was of this same group and perhaps it would have been better not to have the state chairman a past CREP person. I asked if he had approved of the appointment of Keith and he said he didn't remember. (I checked our records and it was me who called Latta's office for clearance. I check with that person and she remembers my calling to get his clearance. I was kind enough to remind her to mention that to her boss.)

He also says we appoint folks to the PFC organization and then give them nothing to do - - case in point is Mr. Tom O'Neil of Wauseon, Ohio. In talking to Keith about this yesterday PM, he said Tom was asked if he would lend his name to a list supporting the President and when he agreed to the understanding it was not a job that required any "doing."

The congressmen didn't think it should have taken so long since he "told" the President and James Lynn about how the farm estate tax limit should be raised, until the President put it in his speech (took about 2 months.)

He feels the ag. problem is the one major problem the President now has.

Thinks the President's economic program is "right on the money."

He is also happy that the President is now meeting with groups of congressmen to get their political input--although he believes the President should do it more often.

(I talked to Keith about this report so he is aware of it. It was not too long ago that it was front page news in Ohio that Cong Latta said he was not sure if he was going to support the President or not so Keith is not too concerned about this relative criticism.)

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F.Y.I.



TO: BO
FM: LEO
RE: CONG ED HUTCHINSON, MICH

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Mar 10, '76

He is of course, fully supporting the President.

Thinks the President would have great troubles with HHH in Nov in Mich.

Thinks is good that the President is concerned about the entire congress winning this time instead of just the President like they did in '72.

Was pleased with the meeting last nite between the President and the 20 or so congressmen.

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F.Y.I.



TO: BO

Mar 11, '76

FM: LEO

RE: CONG GARY BROWN, MI

Congressman Brown is completely for the President and has the opportunity to give his input directly to the President.

This was a protocal visit.

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F.Y.I.



TO: BO

Mar 11, '76

FM: LEO

RE: CONG JOHN ROUSSELOT, CA

Has not, and will not, take a position relative President Ford and RR,--both sides have asked him to be a delegate,--won't.

Has good rapport with the President and PFC, knows Stu well.

Seemed happy that we have someone being liaison with elected types.

He has and will continue to help the President.

Thinks both sides in Calif are doing a good job at not hitting each other too hard.

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ADDITIONAL COPY TO: DAVE LIGGETT

F.Y.I.



TO: BO

Mar 11, '76

FM: LEO

RE: CONG SHIRLEY PETTIS, CA

She came out early for the President.

And she has gotten only "bad press" back home, because of it. She really hopes her early endorsement helps the President as it cost her some.

According to her, Joel Pritchard of Washington, has constructed an outstanding letter, which he is going to send to the 3,000 delegates in Washington. She suggested we get a copy and perhaps mail it to selected people. (I have contacted Pritchard's office and a copy is being sent post haste)

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ADDITIONAL COPY TO: DAVE LIGGETT
NOLA HAERLE

F.Y.I.

Get copy of letter from Leo



TO: BO
FM: LEO
RE: CONG CLARENCE MILLER, OHIO

Mar 11, '76

He is very much for the President.

For legitimate reasons he is not going to be a delegate but this does not lessen his support. Indicated he will "make up for it" in other ways. He discussed those reasons with me.

Says his district is traditionally a swing district and he is convinced he will help us carry it.

Wants us to use our influence with RNC to make sure they follow through on his ideas that he discussed with them last week: List all 435 congressmen on a chart indicating the cost of all the legislation they voted for, and how much over the budget that amount is.

He is convinced we (Republicans) can't loose. Even if every congressman voted "excessively" and all were turned out we would end up next year with a 2 - 1 majority (every Rep is defeated by a Democrat and visa-versa.)

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F.Y.I.



TO: STU

Mar 16, '76

FM: LEO

RE: CONG CHALMERS P WYLIE, OHIO

Solidly for the President--was one of the "early ones."

Was he who suggested that congressmen be delegates, which he will be.

President Ford will win easily in his district, and should have no problems in Ohio.

He does a good job of advocating for the President.

Has asked Vern Loen of the White House to get a signing ceremony with the President on the Equal Credit Opportunity Act and the Truth in Lending Bill. The Consumer Federation of America, (an AFL/CIO front organization) has taken after Cong Wylie and he thinks this will be a big help. He sponsored, or co-sponsored them. (talked to Vern Loen, he is on top of it.)

He hopes the President will not forget to come to Ohio, he reminded me there is another election after the primary--called a General.

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RE: CONG J. Kenneth Robinson, Va.

Has not publicly taken a position.

Says most of the activity in his district is by the RR types.

Says he has to be "very careful," down there, with "all that RR activity."

He is satisfied with Stan Parris and Craigie to be co-PFC State Chairmen.

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RE: SENATOR J. GLENN BEALL, MD.

Solidly for the President.

Like to have input when we replace state senator Newton Steers, Jr., as our PFC state political chairman.

Seemed pleased we have someone "making the rounds" calling on them asking for their input, complaints, etc.

Keep doing what we are doing.

Don't alienate the RR people, will need them in Nov.

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RE: SENATOR CARL CURTIS, NEBR

He announced his solid support for the President the weekend before the Fla Primary.

Says RR has done a very big favor for the President. It has made him prove he can get votes outside "Grand Rapids." RR has given the President a national base.

Senator Curtis feels very strongly that we "not chill the RR people." He says there is no way that RR can get the nomination away from the President. Therefore, we should not be putting pressure on RR to quit and that Rog Morton should be putting out releases saying it's good that RR is helping Republicans air the issues, etc. The point he made several times is we've got to have the RR support to win the general election.

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RE: SENATOR BILL BROCK, TENN

Still very much for the President.

Keep doing what we are doing - "all going our way now."

Don't alienate RR camp - must have them this fall.

RR has done us a big favor by running.

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RE: SENATOR JAKE GARN, UTAH

According to Jake, and those he has discussed it with recently,
we are pushing RR too hard to quit the race.

He agrees that it would be great now if RR quits but if we alienate the RR supporters we will lose in the fall. Therefore, we should do whatever we must do, to "stroke" the RR faction and give them a "nice way out" so they get off their hands in November.

This is a common theme from nearly everyone on the hill (with whom I have spoken in the last week to 10 days.)

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RE: SENATOR PAUL FANNIN, AZ.

He is solidly for the President.

He and Frank Zarb will be in Ariz soon and will hopefully be able to swing some influence toward the President.

The biggest help in Az. is winning Primaries in other states.

He is a bit worried about N. Carolina. - thinks it could be a sleeper for the RR camp. He is very happy the President is going back to N. Car. Says not to let up now that we are ahead.

Try to keep RR --and his supporters-- in a position to support the President after he has the nomination. Ie., give them a way out besides unconditional surrender.

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RE: SENATOR LOWELL P. WEICKER, CONN

He is solidly for the President.

He, the two congressmen and Rep state chairman have a good relationship and have no problems with the PFC.

Feels we are doing fine and has no complaints about the PFC or what we are (or are not) doing in Conn.

If election were today between President Ford and either HHH or Senator Jackson, President Ford would lose by a little.
Reason is that they still have about 12% unemployment in Conn.

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Mar 19, '76

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RE: SENATOR BOB DOLE, KA

Still have an agricluture problem that we must deal with in November.

President helped himself with farm people in his "Springfield" farm speech but didn't do much for himself in his "St Louis" speech.

Now the farmers are at least asking: "Does he really mean it?" If the President follows up on his ideas of estate tax, keeping markets open, etc., they will fall in behind him again. BUT, there is still much doubt in their minds as they feel they were lied to before--so; he must follow up with action to prove his credibility.

The American Association of Agricultural Editors (I'm told is the title) is in town April 26th. Person in Sen Dole's office said they are the big city farm editors and will get coverage of perhaps 80% of the ag areas of America. If this is true, it may be an excellent group of editors for the President to address.

Senator Dole has put together a speech on how Agriculture is the last bastion of free-enterpirse and taking it to urban America. In other words he is selling the farm position to the city folks.

He will gladly advocate - - for himself, for other senate candidates, for the President, for the Republican party. Our scheduling people can talk to him or his AA, Mr Wohlford and get more info.

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Bob m.

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Mar 24, '76

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RE: CONG JOHN RHODES, AZ.

This was merely a protocol visit as he has complete access. He seemed to think it was a good idea to have someone call on each of the Republicans on the hill.

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RE: CONG J. WILLIAM STANTON, OHIO

Solidly with the President.

In just last couple days there has been a lot of RR activity in filing delegates before the deadline tomorrow at 4PM (25th of Mar.)

Suggests we have a program whereby we contact all congressmen and senators who are for the President and ask for specifics. Example he gave was: Coach Shula of Miami Dolphins is Stanton's best friend and could have been very helpful in the Fla primary. Stanton never thought of him but certainly would have if we had gone to him for Bill Low's program. He suggests we do this for Wisc. In essence he is saying do the same thing we have been doing but be more active, ie., letters, etc as it takes a long time to make it around to all 180 of them one on one.

Overall he seemed very pleased.

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BILL LOW

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RE: SENATOR MARK HATFIELD, ORE

Solidly with the President.

He was involved in selecting the PFC people in Ore, therefore, is very pleased with them.

Have excellent relationship between Oregon Rep Party, his organization and PFC.

No problems and no complaints.

(it's all fun when one runs into an attitude like this.)

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Mar 25, '76

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RE: SENATOR JACOB JAVITS, NY

Thinks it would be a serious mistake if the President doesn't visit New York before their Primary. He will make this known to the Vice President and the President.

He says "he hopes" the uncommitted delegates from the NY Primary will "commit" to the President shortly after their Primary.

He also says it's time to stop being "cozy" and the President should just come right out and ask that they (NY delegates) pledge their support to him.

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Bob m.

TO: STU

Mar 25, '76

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RE: SENATOR HIRAM FONG, HAWAII

Senator Fong has not been to Hawaii for some time. He will be going in next couple weeks and will spend time with the PFC folks there. Upon return will give us the "word" on how we are doing there.

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Mar 22, '76

FM: LEO

RE: SENATOR CLIFFORD P. HANSEN, WY

He believes RR is the greatest thing that ever happened to President Ford.

He feels absolutely certain President Ford will receive the nomination.

He feels we should be doing whatever we can do keep RR in the race, even into the convention, so there will be some interest in the Republican Party.

He does not think the President Ford / RR race is hurting the party, only helping it.

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