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July 9, 1976

Passed to field 7-20-76

RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: Mr. Willard O. Forbes
Virginia Delegate (soft) Reagan
804-484-5320 (o)
804-484-5631 (h)

DATE: As soon as possible

RECOMMENDED BY: Jim Field (per Jim Baker)

THROUGH: Richard B. Cheney

BACKGROUND: Although elected as a Reagan Delegate from the 4th District, Mr. Forbes has indicated in conversations with PFC officials and Cynthia Newman, that he is reassessing his position. He is a naval architect in Portsmouth, Virginia. All sources agree that he is very pragmatic in his approach to making a final decision. In a phone call which he initiated to the PFC, he indicated that the paramount question in his mind is "who has the best chance to win in the fall." He also indicated he is very strong for John Connally for Vice President. (See the attached summary of Sen. Griffin's call to Mr. Forbes.)

TALKING POINTS: 1. I hope before you firmly decide on casting your vote that we will have the chance to talk either here at the White House or in Kansas City. I know what a great job you have done for Congressman Bob Daniels and that you are going to run his campaign this fall, and I think that my candidacy will help him.

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7/20/76
For me
For John Connally
for U.P.

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4. Betty and I look forward to seeing you, if not before Kansas City, certainly at the convention.

ACTION



Willard Forbes
Portsmouth, Virginia

COMMENTS FROM CALL:

"Need to unify the party--I'm very uncomfortable with all this Republicans fighting Republicans--I don't like to fight my friends--I want to fight Democrats. "

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"This country can't afford Carter--he'd be another FDR--another McGovern-- "

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Jim Field
7-20-76
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July 1, 1976

RECOMMENDED PHONE CALLS FROM PRESIDENT

TO: Jim Field
FROM: *[Signature]* Jim Baker and Jon Holt
RE: Robert C. Jackson from Minnesota
218/724-6811 H
218/722-1701 O

DATE: ASAP

BACKGROUND: Mr. Jackson is the 8th District Party Chairman from Duluth. He is an insurance claims manager and comes from a district that went 60% for Ford. All the delegates and alternates are for Ford in the 8th District. Mr. Chuck Slocum, State GOP Chairman, feels that Mr. Jackson's support for the President has dropped a little because many of his friends are Reagan supporters. Mr. Jackson is quite conservative, but Mr. Slocum feels a call from the President would solidify his vote.

TALKING
POINTS:

- 1) Bob, I would like to congratulate you on your election as a Ford delegate.—?
- 2) Betty and I are looking forward to seeing and working with you in Kansas City.

ACTION:

7/20/76 - Uncommitted & will stay uncommitted. I am uncertain of his support.

*Ps. { Panama -
Angola -
Navy Shipbuilding -
For a Ford / Reagan Ticket*

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July 9, 1976

RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: JIM FIELD

FROM: JIM BAKER *J.B.*

RE: George N. McMath (Uncommitted)
Post Office Box 124
Onley, Virginia 23418
804/787-3750 (H)

DATE: A.S.A.P.

BACKGROUND:

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7/20
President said
he thought
McMath had
just come out
for Reagan.
Don't
try call.



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SPECIAL NOTE TO GRF:

Notation passed
to Mike Duval
7/20
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
July 15, 1976

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Donald E. Meads
Telephone numbers: office (215) 687-5000
home (215) 286-9846
(215) 928-1247

DATE: As soon as possible. Before Monday, July 19.

RECOMMENDED BY: Mike Duval

PURPOSE: To lock in Ed Harper's availability to work on the Platform in Kansas City.

BACKGROUND: Ed Harper is assisting us on the Platform. Donald E. Meads, Chairman of the CertainTeed Corporation, has approved Harper taking his personal and vacation time to assist us. He is not a Republican, but supports you.

Ed is providing an important link between your White House/campaign staff and the Reagan forces concerning Platform issues.

CertainTeed is a Fortune 500 company based in Valley Forge, which manufactures roofing insulation and pipe. Meads was recently one of the main organizers of the visit of President Giscard d'Estaing to Philadelphia.

Ed Harper, whom you met briefly during your trip to Valley Forge on July 4th, is now Vice President of the CertainTeed Corporation. He served as Special Assistant to President Nixon from '69 to '72 in the domestic policy area.

7/20/76
TALKING POINTS
Will try to work it out completely within the law - All for it

You understand Ed Harper is being very helpful in preparation of the Republican Platform. He is serving as an important link between your staff and the representatives of Governor Reagan. Through his efforts, many potential differences of opinion are being worked out with the objective of avoiding divisive Party fights.

- Although Ed is doing this on his own personal and vacation time, you know that Meads' approval is essential, and you appreciate his cooperation.

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July 1, 1976

RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: Jim Field
FROM: *JFO* Jim Baker and Jon Holt
RE: Vern Long (uncommitted) Minnesota
507/825-4079
DATE: ASAP

BACKGROUND: Mr. Long is a farmer from the Sixth District. He was a member of the State House for about ten years and is thought of as a very conservative Republican. He is very concerned about the grain embargo issue.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

- 1) I hope I can count on your support in Kansas City.
- 2) I understand you have some concern regarding the grain embargo issue.
- 3) I feel Jim Anderson, GOP Chairman, has a good chance in the Sixth District against incumbent Congressman Nolan.
- 4) I understand you have given a lot of time and effort in helping to build the Republican Party.
- 5) Betty and I look forward to seeing and working with you in Kansas City.

ACTION:

7/21/76 - 9.30 (30 min. conversation)
answered all his questions. Still will be uncommitted.

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July 20, 1976

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: JIM FIELD

FROM: JIM BAKER

RE: Mrs. Barbara A. Lill (R)
1423 Cadiz Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70115
504/899-7156

DATE: A.S.A.P.

BACKGROUND: In her forties, married with several children, Mrs. Lill is a first-time delegate who Jim Baker visited with in New Orleans, Louisiana 7/24/76. Electability is the key issue with her.

She has, in the past, been close to John Cade, the Louisiana Reagan Chairman, although the relationship apparently is not as solid now.

She is Co-Chairman of the 2nd Congressional District Republican Party Action Council, a position she shares with uncommitted delegate, Tom Jordan. She is active in civic organizations and the NPRW. She is described as a pragmatic type who will work hard for the party nominee.

- TALKING POINTS:
- 1) I understand you recently had a good visit there with Jim Baker. Although I understand your current position, I wanted to see if I can count on your support in Kansas City.
 - 2) We're very encouraged by recent developments in the campaign and with momentum developing among the uncommitteds. We feel certain we will be over the 1130 mark before the convention.
 - 3) In terms of electability in the fall, we feel we can mount the strongest campaign and, of course, will want your help and support them.
 - 4) Betty and I look forward to seeing you at the convention.



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July 14, 1976

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

Notation passed
to Jim Field
7/21
TOD

TO : President Ford
FROM : ^{JAB} Jim Baker/Skip Watts
RE : MRS. NEIL (MARY) GARMON^{sw}
Uncommitted Wyoming Delegate
(307) 283-2874
DATE : ASAP

BACKGROUND : The Wyoming State Convention elected a national convention delegation that most media sources list as heavily Reagan. However, we believe there are targets of opportunity within the delegation, even though most have met with Reagan.

Mrs. Garmon is a housewife/rancher who lives in Sundance, Wyoming at the Robert Redford ski resort development in northeast part of state. She is an uncommitted delegate but we believe she leans toward President Ford, especially since she is Congressman Bill Steiger's sister and effected by his strong support for the President. The Reagan people, especially their state chairman, made special effort to foreclose from the delegation any person who would not commit to Reagan, including Mrs. Garmon. Frankly, our people saved her and several others through implementation of certain rules and procedures at the state convention.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION : 1) This is to express personal congratulations for being elected delegate and, prospectively, for representing Wyoming at Kansas City (you have already written her).

Indicate favorable regard for her brother, Wisconsin Congressman Bill Steiger. You appreciate his strong support for you and work on your behalf.

2) Indicate you believe you are very close to the necessary delegate count for the nomination and, to move you closer, you would like her commitment to support you at the National Convention.

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I am confident she
is OK but she didn't
commit. Will be here
7/27 for State Dinner

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to Jim Field
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July 15, 1976

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO : President Ford
FROM : *JMB* Jim Baker/Skip Watts *sw*
RE : SENATOR CLIFF HANSEN & THE WYOMING DELEGATION
(others attached)
DATE : ASAP

BACKGROUND : As you know, Senator Hansen was rather outspoken on the Mineral Rights Bill (S.391) in stating that if the President vetoed the measure he and several potential Ford delegates would cast delegate votes for Reagan. The public flap that resulted when word of his posture leaked out embarrassed the Senator, casting him in a position of blackmailing a President.

We believe the time is now right for the President to call the Senator about his support for the President for the nomination. Max Friedersdorf agrees. The Senator's Administrative Assistant, Paul Holtz, has said the Senator probably remains supportive. Former Governor Hathaway concurs also.

As indicated in the attached memorandums, we also believe the President has much latent support within the Wyoming delegation. The national media has given us as few as one delegate in Wyoming. There may be as many as seven if the President will call those listed herein.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

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2 - Hansen
Ostlund
5 - Yone
He is for me.
Ambitious to be helped

- 1) The President should express his regret that the dealings on the matter of the Mineral Rights Bill were publicized and indicate he believes the Senator was treated unfairly by the media. However, controversies such as these pass from public mind in time.
- 2) The President should briefly review his reasons for the veto and indicate, as he did in the veto message, he would be willing to accept compromise legislation.
Regarding the nomination contest, the President believes he will soon exceed the number of delegates required for the nomination. He should inquire into the Senator's position and his view on the delegation breakdown.

4) (next page)

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- 4) The President should indicate he intends to call certain Wyoming delegates to ask for their commitments of support. Essentially, Wyoming delegates are in a unique position: They can nominate President Ford.

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July 21, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: Richard Cheney

FROM: Jim Baker *J.B.*

RE: Request for Richard Cheney Phone Call

PHONE CALL TO: Alan Young
Devils Lake, N.D. 58301

701/662-5616 (O)
701/662-4677 (H)

BACKGROUND: It is my understanding that Young committed to the President that he would deliver 14 out of 18 North Dakota votes to the President. With the commitment of Lois Retzlaff to Reagan, that has dropped to 13F - 5R as a maximum barring conversion from the Reagan side. On a re-poll of the delegation, the New York Times dropped North Dakota from 12F - 4R - 2 Unc. to 10F - 5R - 3 unc. According to the Fargo Forum, Don Shide, Warren Hartje and John Sellie are the uncommitteds. We must retain their support.

FC *Leaning* *FC*

TALKING

POINTS: 1) The President is concerned about the reported slippage in the North Dakota delegation. At a time when we are getting ready to go over the 1130 mark, any slippage from the highly publicized North Dakota delegation would be embarrassing to his campaign. He feels that a public commitment from Shide, Hartje and Sellie this week would be most helpful.

FC *FL* *RC*
12 *1* *5*



FEA
Harold Niles
John Hill



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6/21/76
[7/21/76?]

REQUESTED TELEPHONE CALL FOR THE PRESIDENT

TO: State Senator
C.E. (PETE) HUGHES
Delegate from Delaware
302/798-0480 (h); 302/678-4134 or 792-2553 (o)

DATE: ASAP

RECOMMENDED
BY:

JIM BAKER *J. Baker*

PURPOSE: To get the Senator to agree to let the President Ford Committee use his name in a public announcement of the list of delegates shifting from uncommitted to the President which will put the President over the top for the nomination.

BACKGROUND: The President has previously spoken to Senator Hughes and has been privately assured of his vote in the convention. Hughes, however, has not been publically postured and the President Ford Committee would like to lock him up.

TOPICS
OF

DISCUSSION: I appreciate your support, Pete and would like to request permission to have the PFC include you in a list of uncommitted delegates who are committing their support to me in Kansas City.

This list will put us over the top, formally, and is extremely important to me because it will turn the attention of the media toward the November election and give us a tremendous lift in the campaign.

If it's alright with you I'll have Jim Baker call you from the PFC and work out the details of the announcement -- you may want to make a simultaneous one in Delaware.

Betty and I look forward to seeing you in Kansas City and expressing our thanks in person.

ACTION: _____



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED PRESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Frank Edward Ray
California School Bus Driver
209-665-3408

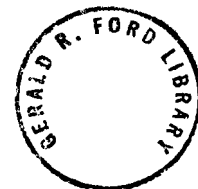
DATE: As soon as possible

RECOMMENDED BY: Jim Field

THROUGH: Richard B. Cheney

PURPOSE: To recognize Mr. Ray's courage in helping to save 26 children who were kidnapped from the school bus which Mr. Ray was driving. Frank Edward Ray, Jr., 55, was driving a Dairyland Unified School District Bus in Chowchilla, California when the bus was stopped and the children and Mr. Ray were kidnapped and placed in a buried bus. See article (TAB A).

BACKGROUND: Through the courage and ingenuity of Mr. Ray the children were kept cheerful and survived. Mr. Ray is very highly regarded in his home community for his rescue of the children. Mr. Ray, himself, attended the Dairyland School District. He has a small ranch and does hauling as well as driving the school bus. His family includes his wife and two sons, Danny approximately 22, and Glen approximately 25. He did not serve in the armed services. A neighbor described him as a warm, quiet, solid person well respected in the community, whose "hobby is work."



- TALKING POINTS:
1. Congratulate him for his courage, and join his neighbors in wishing him good luck on Edward Ray Day. *
 2. Express your appreciation, and join the Nation in thanking him for his efforts in saving the children.
 3. Optional--Invite him to one of the upcoming State Dinners in recognition of his heroism.

Date Submitted:

July 21, 1976

ACTION _____

* Date to be determined.



END OF THE ROAD

When Jerry Brown arrived in New York last week, it seemed that he intended to make a last stand against Jimmy Carter—a futile exercise that had many party veterans wondering about the political realism of the California governor. But Brown's grip on reality proved stronger than they thought and, on Carter's victory night, the pair stood side by side in Madison Square Garden. NEWSWEEK'S Martin Kasindorf, who has covered Brown's campaign from start to finish, filed this report on the governor's convention week:

Jerry Brown didn't bat an eye when a mouse scurried across his \$28-a-day room in New York's seedy McAlpin Hotel. He was confounding his campaign the way it began, on a note of threadbare *hauteur* and neither the McAlpin—"It was cheap, and it was close to the Garden," explained his press secretary—nor the operations headquarters, a rent-a-trailer with a single Brown bumper sticker, could dampen the enthusiasm of Brown and his followers. In the convention hall, Brown deployed eighteen floor leaders and no fewer than 180 "whips," who gathered 465 signatures for his nomination (only 50 were needed), wooed disaffected Morris Udall and Henry Jackson delegates and dissuaded his own supporters from slipping away.

Brown's own schedule was a curious mix of frantic days and cloistered evenings when, a self-styled "prisoner of the McAlpin," he watched the convention on black-and-white TV. He conferred with Louisiana's anti-Carterite Gov. Edwin Edwards, party chairman Robert Strauss and Hubert Humphrey. He led a small motorcade to address the California delegation, disclosing that he would be nominated from the podium by United Farm Workers leader Cesar Chavez and seconded by Edwards and California Rep. Yvonne Burke. He lobbied the Washington delegates released by Jackson, winning one convert, and drew an SRO crowd to his standard campaign spiel on "planetary realism."

But his efforts produced no "Brown-swell," as aides put it, and Brown soon gave up his delegate hunt. "I mean, it's all over," he said evenly. "This was just getting acquainted, running through the process." He put out feelers to Carter's people and met with Carter senior aide Charles Kirbo. He even offered to make the grand gesture and declare the convention "in unanimity"—but Kirbo, perhaps fearing an attempt to upstage Carter, quickly turned him down.

Brown, in turn, bristled at the rebuff—and at the suggestion that he wanted the stage at all. "I didn't want to give a



Brown bows: 'This is only the beginning'

that's for sure," he declared. "The next time I go to the podium, I'm going to have something to say." The rift was soon papered over, however, and Brown entered the hall on cue to throw his 205 California delegate votes to Carter. On the morning after, Brown met with the nominee for fifteen minutes, then introduced him to a California delegation suddenly awash in green Jimmy buttons. "I'd like to thank the people of California for keeping Governor Brown at home so long," said Carter graciously. "I'd hate to think what would have happened to my campaign if he had been unleashed in New Hampshire instead of Maryland."

Brown withdrew at the weekend to a Trappist retreat in Vina, Calif. "This is not an end," he insisted. "This is only the beginning. I've learned a great deal." He would probably stump for Carter in the West, and he was being pressed to campaign for other candidates as well. His brash stab at the nomination was thus proving an asset, even within the Carter circle—Miss Lillian approvingly pronounced him "the runningest man I ever saw"—and among party regulars. "He's a young man with his whole future in front of him," said a rarely forgiving Chicago Mayor Richard Daley. "You can't blame anyone for being a candidate."

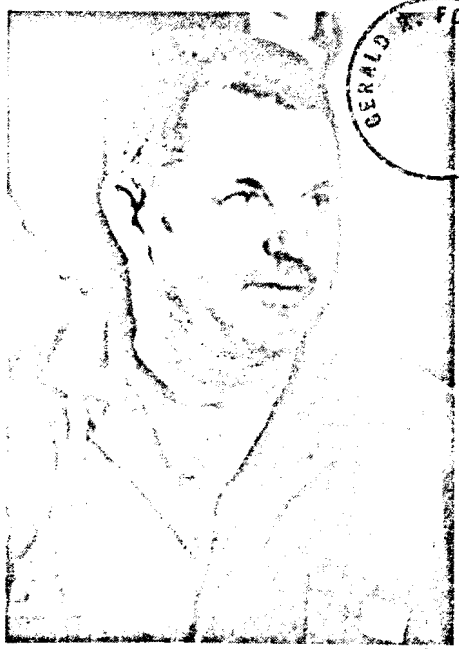
Such approbation could make Brown the party's newest star, if Carter fails in November; if Carter wins, it is less clear whether Brown can sustain his momentum for four or eight years. As governor, he might lose his popularity and certainly some of his luster in the drudgery of Statehouse chores, while other party luminaries outshine him; furthermore, his politics of limitation and Star Trek rhetoric might eventually pall with voters. Still, "Jerry's awfully smart," says one Los Angeles political columnist. "He'll always be one step ahead of us with new phrases and new ideas." At 38, Brown was already a step ahead, with more time to spare than most—and more raw ambi-

A MYSTERY

In the next-to-the-last day of summer school, 31 children from California's Dairyland Unified School District piled into a big yellow bus for the trip home to Chowchilla, a small farming community near Fresno. Their favorite driver, Edward Ray, dropped off five of the children at his regular stops. But Ray and his 26 remaining passengers never finished the run. For 29 harrowing hours they simply vanished, victims of a mysterious kidnapping that touched off one of the biggest searches in California history, and left authorities thoroughly bewildered. Even after police found Ray and the children alive and mostly well in a rock quarry 95 miles north of Chowchilla, they had no suspects or motives for the crime. "We have no idea whether this kidnapping was for the purpose of political terrorism or for ransom or for anything else," said Alameda County Sheriff Thomas Houchins. "We have nothing."

The drama began about 4 one afternoon when three or four men in two vans pulled onto the highway in front of the bus. "They had stockings over their faces," recalled 8-year-old Barbara Parker. "A man stood in the road with a big rifle pointing at us. Then an older man told Mr. Ray to go to the back of the bus." According to Ray, one man drove the bus off the road into a bamboo thicket, then herded him and the crying children (ages 5 to 14) into the vans. For nearly eleven hours they sweltered in the hot, darkened vans, whose windows had been blocked by plywood.

As the kidnapers made their way north to the California Rock and Gravel Pits in Livermore, the panic-stricken parents of Chowchilla began searching for their children. At dusk, a civilian pilot



Edward Ray, driver of bus, was held last night

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ing low over the area spotted the bus camouflaged in 20 feet of bamboo growth. The ignition key was missing and only a few swimsuits from an afternoon outing remained in the bus. By the next morning, planes, helicopters and nearly three dozen California FBI agents had joined the search. Local residents cruised the roads in cars equipped with citizens band radios and shotguns, while baffled Chowchilla police checked out a library book called "Best of the Best Detective Stories." They wondered if they could pick up any clues from "The Day the Children Vanished," a tale about the abduction of nine schoolchildren, their bus driver and their bus by a gang creating a diversion for a robbery.

Buckwheats: For the children of Chowchilla, the worst moments of their odyssey came at the Livermore quarry. After supplying them with mattresses, water and boxes of Raisin Bran and Buckwheats, the kidnapers forced the children one by one underground into an old truck body buried in the quarry. "When the last child came through," remembers Ray, "they put a steel plate over the



Beth Sunflower

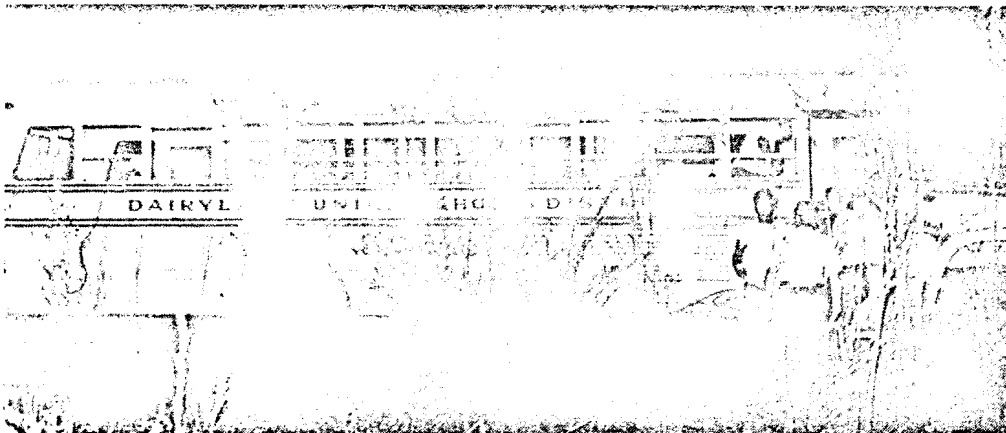
Happy homecoming: Parker and parents

nappers had requested the names of each child and a piece of clothing, authorities theorized they had planned to ransom the children. But they made no demands for money—not even a phone call—to Chowchilla. And as Howard Green, the town judge, observed: "These folks work in the fields. They're ranchers. It can't be for money because there isn't any. If you added up the wealth of all the parents of those kids on the bus, it wouldn't even make one good ransom."

—SUSAN FRAKER with PETER S. GREENBERG and JANET HUCK in Chowchilla, Calif.

THE FBI: Dismissed

It began with allegations of overcharging and possible kickbacks in the FBI's purchase of electronic equipment (NEWSWEEK, Dec. 15, 1975), then broadened to a wide-ranging investigation into



Abandoned school bus: A bizarre beginning to a 29-hour odyssey

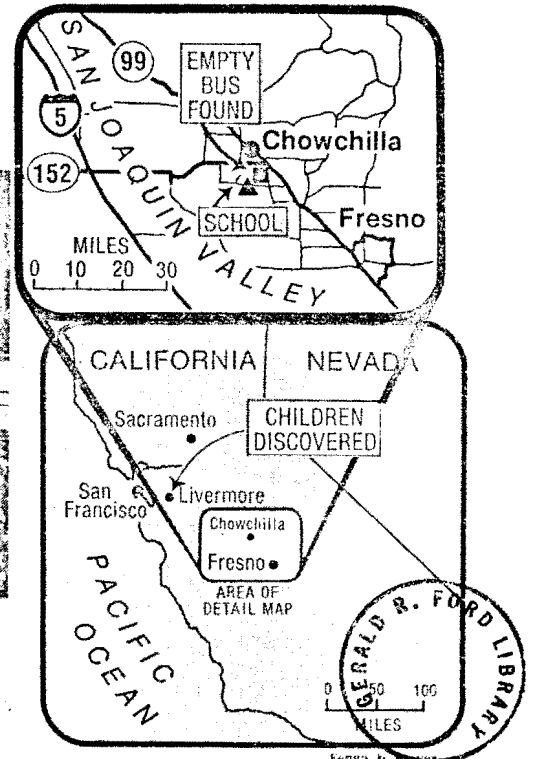
hole." They also began packing the entrance with dirt, and before long the ceiling began to cave in. "I thought we had had it right then," said Ray. But then the kidnapers, who had hardly spoken to their victims throughout the ordeal, inexplicably stopped. "We're going away now," Ray remembers them saying. "But we'll be back."

The quarry coffin soon became so hot that Ray felt he had to make good on his promise to get the children out—or they would all suffocate. He stood on the mattresses and, with the help of the older boys, began digging around the entrance. When the children became overheated, Ray stopped long enough to pour water over them. He also comforted the younger ones. "We had a lot of crying for their mamas, but I quieted them down," Ray recalled. Finally they managed to pry the plate loose, and Ray pushed the children through the hole. A few minutes later, he and one of the youngsters ran

into a quarry security guard. "I know what you're talking about. I heard it on the news," the guard said—and immediately called the police.

Joyful: When Alameda County authorities arrived at the quarry, they found the children huddled safely with Ray. All 27 were sped off to the Santa Rita Rehabilitation Center, where they received physical examinations and prison garb (many of the children still wore swimming suits). After eating hamburgers and French fries as guests of the Alameda County sheriff's office, the kids piled back into another bus—this time with three police escorts and a plane overhead—for the trip back to Chowchilla and a joyful reunion with their parents. "It's so good to be home," Barbara Parker tearfully told her mother. "I don't think I want to go to summer school ever again."

At the weekend, police continued their search for the suspects and tried to puzzle out their motive. Since the kid-



abuses of power by FBI personnel. And last week, acting on undisclosed findings of that investigation, FBI director Clarence Kelley fired the bureau's No. 2 man, a 41-year veteran whom Kelley himself had promoted to associate director.

The dismissal of Nicholas P. Callahan, 62, without public explanation was unprecedented in recent bureau history. Top personnel are usually allowed to resign or retire; Callahan had planned to retire after this month. FBI sources said Kelley acted soon after receiving a report on the Justice Department investigation that grew out of alleged improprieties involving the FBI and the U.S. Recording Co. But they said Callahan himself would not necessarily be accused of corruption for personal gain when the case goes before a grand jury.

Escape from an Earthen Cell

In 90° heat one afternoon last week, the yellow school bus lumbered along the flat roads near the small San Joaquin Valley farm community of Chowchilla, 150 miles southeast of San Francisco. At the Dairyland Union School, Driver Frank Edward Ray Jr., 55, picked up 31 children who had just finished their six-week summer program. Ray dropped off five of them and still had several stops to go when he noticed a white van on the road ahead and slowed down to swing around it.

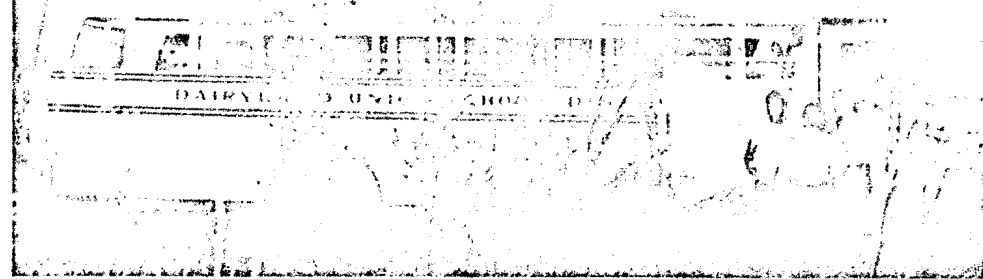
Three white men wearing nylon stocking masks leaped out, one of them waving two guns, and ordered Ray to stop. Two of them boarded the bus, drove it into Berenda Slough, a dry ditch off the road, and steered it into a thicket of bamboo. The gunmen then herded the driver and the 26 children—aged 5 to 14—into two vans. When that was done, the three men drove off with their terrified captives. Thus began a bizarre and, at week's end, still unexplained kidnaping that riveted the nation's attention for 36 hours.

Chilling Theories. The abduction was staged at 4:15 p.m., and it was shortly afterward that Dairyland Superintendent Lee Roy Tatom began receiving calls from parents saying, "Hey, the little guy isn't home yet." Assuming that the bus had broken down, Tatom sent people out to check the route. They found nothing, and Tatom, now thoroughly concerned, called police. Not until 7:30 did a local pilot sight the bus, hidden in the slough. Police sped to the site and found the bus deserted; the only real clues were two extra sets of tire tread marks near by. Concern turned to alarm.

In the next hours, local and state police scoured the area. FBI agents, alerted to a possible kidnaping, began pouring in, interviewing the parents of the 19 girls and seven boys who had vanished. Two California highway patrol helicopters joined the biggest search in the state's history.

As the hours ticked by with no leads, two chilling theories were formulated. Reporters wondered if the infamous Zodiac killer, who has claimed responsibility for 37 unsolved California murders and is still loose, might be involved. The other notion was that somebody had been inspired by a thriller written 18 years ago by Hugh Pentecost, *The Day the Children Vanished*. Pentecost's tale describes the disappearance of a station wagon full of pupils. In his story, kidnapers load the wagon onto a large truck and take the children to a remote barn. The abduction is a ruse to draw people away from the local bank.

California authorities quickly reject-



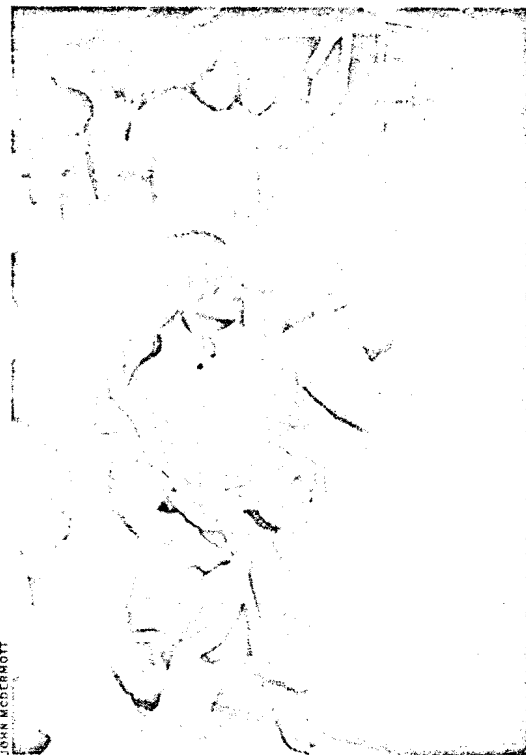
CHOWCHILLA'S MISSING SCHOOL BUS IN DITCH, PARTLY HIDDEN BY BAMBOO FOLIAGE

ed several other suggested motives for the bus hijacking. They found it inconceivable that Ed Ray, a kindly, well-liked man who had been driving buses in Chowchilla for 26 years and had hauled many of the parents of the missing children, could be involved. Police also discarded the notion that a lone psychopath could control 27 captives. There was nothing to indicate that somebody bearing a grudge was responsible. Finally, police concluded that no ransom demand was likely to be received. In Chowchilla, a town of 4,550 in the midst of citrus orchards, dairy farms and fields of grain and cotton, the average income is \$9,000 and few can be considered wealthy. That left only one reasonable theory: a terrorist organization had seized the bus to publicize its demands.

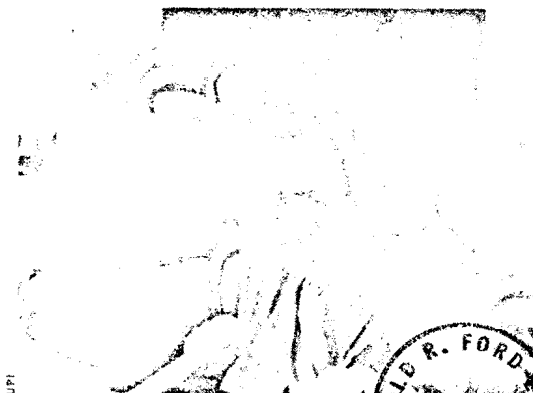
Around 7:30 the following evening, 24 hours after the empty bus had been found, a startled watchman at a gravel quarry near Livermore, 100 miles northwest of Chowchilla, saw a bedraggled group—all in their underwear—approaching him. The kidnaping victims had been found, and all were well.

The tale they told offered no clues to a motive for the crime. The three kidnapers had driven their captives for some eleven hours, arriving at 3:30 a.m. at the quarry. Throughout the trip the men rarely spoke. At the quarry, the men backed their vans up to a 3-ft.-wide opening in the ground. Covering both the hole and the back of the vans with a tarp, they ordered the children to descend into the entryway, asking each of them his name and age and taking a trinket or a piece of clothing from each as they passed into the darkened entrance. The narrow tunnel led down to an old moving van buried six feet under the ground as part of a landfill project after World War II; it was 25 ft. long, 8 ft. wide, 6 ft. high, and had two white plastic ventilation pipes coming out of its sides and up to the ground. The prisoners found the subterranean chamber had been stocked with mattresses, bedspreads, Cheerios, potato chips and water.

Cries for Mama. The men gave Ray a flashlight, then sealed off the entry hole with two steel plates. The air quickly grew fetid and hot, and suffocation became a real possibility. "There was a lot of crying and calling for Mama," Ray recalled afterward. Desperate, Ray and the seven boys piled up mattresses and, with great effort, pushed away the steel plates. Sixteen



RESCUED CHILDREN RETURNING HOME



DRIVER RAY DESCRIBING ORDEAL
A desperate escape.

hours after first entering the pit, they squeezed out. Two hundred yards away they found the watchman, who alerted the police.

At 3:55 the next morning, a red, white and blue Greyhound bus escorted by two highway patrol cars wheeled into Chowchilla with the 26 weary pupils and their driver. A couple of hundred joyous parents, friends and reporters greeted them with cheers, whistles and applause. Meanwhile, the police issued bulletins for three white males traveling in two vans.

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July 21, 1976

RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: JIM FIELD
FROM: JAMES A. BAKER, III/PAUL MANAFORT *PJM*
RE: ABIGAIL HEALY, MISSISSIPPI DELEGATE
601/4432-3042
DATE: BY JULY 23

BACKGROUND: The Mississippi delegation is anxious for the President to attend their meeting on July 30th in Jackson, Mississippi. Presently, 26 delegates and alternates are sending telegrams of support to the White House.

Gail Healy is a true uncommitted delegate. Reagan has talked to her twice. The press has played her up as uncommitted.

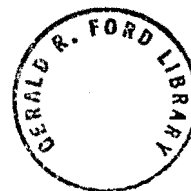
She is a public relations guide for the Pilgrimage Garden Club. She served as co-chairwoman of Thad Cochran's and Gil Carmichael's campaigns.

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RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: JIM FIELD
FROM: JAMES A. BAKER, III/PAUL MANAFORT *PM*
RE: WILLIAM PATRICK, JR., MISSISSIPPI DELEGATE 601/426-9807(H)
DATE: BY JUNE 23

BACKGROUND: The Mississippi delegation is anxious for the President to attend their meeting on July 30th in Jackson, Mississippi. Presently, 26 delegates and alternates are sending telegrams of support to the White House.

Bill Patrick is an uncommitted delegate. He is Mayor of the City of Laurel and Chairman of the Mississippi Elected Republican Officials Association. He is interested in victory in November.

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RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

July 15, 1976

TO: Jim Field
FROM: Jim Baker *JMB*
RE: The Michigan Delegation
Governor Milliken, State Delegate Chairman
DATE: Thursday, July 22, 1976
6:00 p.m. (meeting to be held between
5:30 and 6:30)

BACKGROUND:

FORD
The ~~entire~~ Michigan Delegation will be gathering for their second meeting at Governor Milliken's Residence in Lansing.

Michigan is bound on two ballots (55 Ford-29 Reagan)

A Presidential phone call may be helpful in "softening up" some Reagan delegates on procedural questions.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION:

- 1) Congratulate the delegates on their elections. Point out the special role the delegates will play as the delegates from the President's home state. They are the best advocates the President has.
- 2) Give special thanks to the Milliken, Griffin, McLaughlin team for a great victory in the Michigan primary on May 18th.
- 3) Ranny Riecker and Peter Fletcher need a "plug" for their re-election to the National Committee

OK
7/22/76
6:40 PM

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President Ford Committee

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July 15, 1976

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO : President Ford

FROM : ^{JMB} Jim Baker/Skip ^{Sw} Watts

RE : GEORGE BOWER
Uncommitted Wyoming Delegate
(307) 347-4271

DATE : ASAP

BACKGROUND : The Wyoming State Convention elected a national convention delegation that most media sources list as heavily Reagan. However, we believe there are targets of opportunity within the delegation, even though most have met with Reagan.

Mr. Bower is a banker in Worland, Wyoming (north-central part of state) and is the GOP Crook County Chairman. He is an uncommitted delegate but we believe he leans toward President Ford. The Reagan people, especially their state chairman made special effort to foreclose from the delegation any person who would not commit to Reagan, including Mr. Bower. Our people saved him and several others through implementation of certain rules and procedures at the state convention.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION :

- 1) This is to express personal congratulations for being elected delegate and, prospectively, for representing Wyoming at Kansas City (you have already written him).
- 2) Indicate you believe you are very close to the necessary delegate count for the nomination and, to move you closer, you would like his commitment to support you at the National Convention.

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7/22/76
Started out a Ford delegate. Now uncommitted. Strongly for my record but thinks campaign has been terrible.
Send him Wall Street Journal article and poll showing who is more electable.

RECOMMENDED PRESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Mrs. Petie Zubeck (Uncommitted)
907-277-2567 (o), 907-272-7411 (h)

DATE: As soon as possible

RECOMMENDED BY: *JF* Jim Field (per Jim Baker)

THROUGH: Richard B. Cheney

BACKGROUND: Mrs. Zubeck is the Assistant Treasurer of the Alaskan Republican Party and is dedicated to party principles. She is probably a true uncommitted. However, she is employed by Mr. Ulmer and probably will vote as he does.

- TALKING POINTS:
1. I would like to congratulate you on your election as a delegate.
 2. I understand and respect your stand on being uncommitted, but I hope I can count on your vote in Kansas City.

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July 22, 1976

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: JIM FIELD

FROM: JIM BAKER *JAB*

RE: Mrs. Janice Rasch
514 Newit Vick Drive
Vicksburg, Mississippi
601/636-8703 (H)

DATE: A.S.A.P.

BACKGROUND: The Mississippi delegation is anxious for the President to attend their meeting on July 30th in Jackson, Mississippi. Presently, 26 delegates and alternates are sending telegrams of support to the White House.

Jan Rasch is an uncommitted delegate. She is Secretary of the County Executive Committee. Senator Griffin spoke to her this morning (7/21). She told him that she likes Ford but doesn't want to comment. Griffin feels that she will be with us.

TALKING POINTS: "Jan"

- 1) In the last few weeks we have developed tremendous momentum. Tuesday, we announced 16 more delegates, two of whom were supporting Mr. Reagan.
- 2) At the present time, we are 11 votes short of the 1130 needed to nominate.
- 3) We are putting together this final group and I would like Mississippi to be a part of that assembly.
- 4) I know you have maintained an uncommitted stance but as we approach the final delegates, I would like your support. Can I count on it?
- 5) If we announce a number of Mississippi delegates this week, can we include your name?
- 6) We plan to spend the few weeks after we have clinched the nomination to put the Party together in order that we can have an orderly convention and united Party.



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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: JIM FIELD

FROM: JIM BAKER

RE: Mrs. Regina Pace
2009 Oak Lane
Corinth, Mississippi
601/286-8241 (H)

DATE: A.S.A.P.

BACKGROUND: The Mississippi delegation is anxious for the President to attend their meeting on July 30th in Jackson, Mississippi. Presently, 26 delegates and alternates are sending telegrams of support to the White House.

Dene Pace is an uncommitted delegate, leaning Ford. She teaches piano. She is a life-long Republican who wants a winner in November. She is fond of Carmichael and is President of the Republican Women of Mississippi. She is interested in a united Party.

TALKING POINTS:

"Dene" (Dee-Knee)

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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: JIM FIELD

FROM: JIM BAKER

RE: Dr. Ed Carruth
Madden, Mississippi
601/267-4208 (H)
601/267-4562 (O)

DATE: A.S.A.P.

BACKGROUND: The Mississippi delegation is anxious for the President to attend their meeting on July 30th in Jackson, Mississippi. Presently, 26 delegates and alternates are sending telegrams of support to the White House. Dr. Carruth is a pro-Ford delegate. His doctorate is in education. Carruth is very patriotic and is very interested in a united Party that can win in the fall.

TALKING POINTS: "Ed"

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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: JIM FIELD

FROM: JIM BAKER

RE: Mr. C. L. Manderson II
Post Office Box 157
Koscisko, Mississippi
601/289-6073 (H)
601/289-6400 (O)

BACKGROUND: The Mississippi delegation is anxious for the President to attend their meeting on July 30th in Jackson, Mississippi. Presently, 26 delegates and alternates are sending telegrams of support to the White House.

C.L. Manderson is a pro-Ford alternate. He is a die-hard Republican and looking for someone who can win in November and do well in Mississippi. He told Harry Dent that he prefers the President.

TALKING POINTS:

"C.L."

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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: JIM FIELD

FROM: JIM BAKER

RE: Dewey Lane
4211 Hospital Drive
Suite 206
Pascagoula, Mississippi
601/762-0782 (H)
601/762-3131 (O)

DATE: A.S.A.P.

BACKGROUND: The Mississippi delegation is anxious for the President to attend their meeting on July 30th in Jackson, Mississippi. Presently, 26 delegates and alternates are sending telegrams of support to the White House. Dewey Lane is a soft Reagan delegate. He is a surgeon, and an active member of the State Executive Committee. Lane wants to be with a winner in Kansas City.

TALKING POINTS: "Dewey"

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July 22, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY

FROM:

 JIM FIELD

SUBJECT: Presidential Telephone Recommendations

1. I ask that the attached 5 recommendations into Mississippi be approved and sent along to the President. These are in addition to the 5 calls sent to you yesterday (7/21/76), and I believe the calls are in order.

These are the crucial calls that Harry Dent talked to you about.

2. I ask that the attached call to Mrs. Barbara Lill in Louisiana be approved and sent along to the President. I believe the call is in order.
3. I ask that the attached call to Mrs. Gail Bengston in Virginia be approved and sent along to the President. I believe the call is in order.



President Ford Committee

1001 L STREET, N.W. SUITE 201, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

July 22, 1976

RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL FROM THE FIRST LADY

TO: Jim Field
FROM: Jim Baker
RE: Mrs. Tom Long (Jean)
Mississippi Alternate
Gulfport, Mississippi
601/864-8607

DATE: ASAP

BACKGROUND: Mrs. Long is Black. She is married to a prominent attorney and has one daughter. She has sent, to The President, a telegram announcing her support.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION:

- 1) I want to thank you for supporting my husband.
- 2) We appreciate your efforts for the Republican Party.
- 3) I am looking forward to meeting you in Kansas City and working with you this Fall.



President Ford Committee

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July 21, 1976

RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: JIM FIELD *JFB*
FROM: JAMES A. BAKER, III/PAUL MANAFORT *PM*
RE: T.H. SMITH, MISSISSIPPI DELEGATE
601/928-7582 (H)
601/928-3222 (O)
DATE: BY JULY 23

BACKGROUND:

The Mississippi delegation is anxious for the President to attend their meeting on July 30th in Jackson, Mississippi. Presently, 26 delegates and alternates are sending telegrams of support to the White House. Mr. Smith is uncommitted, leaning Ford. He ran for Attorney General last year, is a former FBI agent and is an attorney.

He is interested in Party unity and victory in November.

TALKING POINTS:

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7/24/76 - Very much against delegation going to committed status. Believes we will be loser since circumstances changed since last Ed. Wednesday. Hopes I will come down to Miss.

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July 21, 1976

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: JIM FIELD
FROM: JAMES A. ^{OFFICE} BAKER, III / PAUL MANAFORT ^{PJM}
RE: CLYDE WHITAKER, MISSISSIPPI DELEGATE 601/842-2693 (H)
842-1725 (O)
DATE: BY JULY 23

BACKGROUND:

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Mayor Whitaker is a soft Reagan delegate. He was elected in 1973.

He was very pleased about a bill recently signed by the President that gives financial aide to small airports. It has been helpful to him.

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7/24/76 Very anxious that I come to Miss.
" friendly.
Likes my letters & overall policies.
Non committed.

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July 23, 1976

RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: Jim Field
From: Jim Baker *JAB*
RE: Gerald Gafford
Mississippi Delegate
601/234-7602 home
601/234-3414

DATE: ASAP

BACKGROUND: The Mississippi delegation is anxious for the President to attend their meeting on July 30th, in Jackson, Mississippi. Presently 26 delegates and alternates are sending telegrams of support to the White House. Gerald Gafford is a soft Ford alternate who has a history of switching positions in the Presidential race. He is an attorney and a life-long Republican. He told John Davis "if the President wins the Florida primary, I'll support him." He has not firmed up this support. He should be pinned down,

TALKING POINTS: "Gerry"

In the last few weeks we have developed tremendous momentum. July 20th, we announced 16 more delegates, two of whom were supporting Mr. Reagan.

At the present time, we are 11 votes short of the 1130 needed to nominate.

We are putting together this final group and I would like Mississippi to be part of that assembly.

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I know you have maintained an uncommitted stance but as we approach the final delegates, I would like your support. Can I count on it?

If we announce a number of Mississippi delegates this week, can we include your name?

We plan to spend the few weeks after we have clinched the nomination, putting the Party together in order that we can have an orderly convention and a united Party.

7/24/76 -
Thoroughly believes Joe Lane is good
job.
Desperately wants me to come down
to Miss. I said the odds were I would.
I'm convinced he is 150% trustworthy.

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Passed to Field

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July 23, 1976

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: JIM FIELD
FROM: JIM BAKER *JM Baker*
RE: Warren Hartje
Cavalier, North Dakota
701/265-8959
DATE: July 23, p.m.

BACKGROUND: Mr. Hartje is an uncommitted delegate who was put on the slate by the State GOP chairman Allan Young as a potential Ford delegate. He told the Fargo Forum prior to the convention that his heart was with Reagan but his head was with Ford. He is a farmer, devout Lutheran, married, has three children and is very conservative. He is under heavy pressure by the Reagan forces.

TALKING POINTS: "Warren"

- 1) Congratulations should be offered on his election as delegate, and on representing North Dakota in Kansas City.
- 2) The President's better than expected showing in North Dakota was important to the continual success of his campaign in the past few weeks (Colorado, Connecticut and the continued switch in uncommitted delegates).
- 3) The President has gone over the top as of today and hopes that Mr. Hartje will be part of the group that is being gathered now to prove that the nomination is clinched.
- 4) A major part of the fall general election campaign is the support that can be offered across the board to Republican

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candidates for Governor, Congress and the state legislative positions. These successes are necessary for the continuation of the Republican party and the Republican viewpoint.

7/24/26 - He won't commit but I answered every question the way he wanted.

1) del for Earl Butz (see ag.) can have an influence.

2) Farmers have done well under Butz & Ford

3) Appraisals notes.

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M E M O R A N D U M

July 22, 1976

RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL FROM SENATOR GOLDWATER

To: Jim Field

From: Jim Baker *JMB*

Re: Warren Hartje
Cavalier, N.D.
701/265-8959

Background: Mr. Hartje is an uncommitted delegate who is being worked on very hard by the Reagan forces. In the Fargo Forum prior to the State Convention he said that his heart was with Reagan but his head was with Ford. He is a farmer, devout Lutheran and born and bred in North Dakota. He is also a very active grass roots Republican (chairman of his GOP legislative district for over 6 years).

Talking Points: (1) Basically an oral presentation of the points of the Goldwater letter with the additional comment that public commitments to the President at this time can put the President over the top early, and by so doing, put an early end to any divisiveness with the party prior to Kansas City.



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TELEPHONE CALL RECOMMENDATION

TO: Congressman Bob Wilson (R-Calif.)

DATE: As soon as possible.

SUBMITTED BY: William Nicholson *W.N.*

RECOMMENDED BY: Max Friedersdorf *M.F.*

*Done
7/26/76
See attached*

PURPOSE: Congressman Bob Wilson wishes to discuss the placing of Congressman John Rhodes (R-Ariz.) in nomination for Speaker of the House during the Republican Convention in Kansas City. The idea is to place Rhodes in nomination for Speaker against Congressman Tip O'Neill to draw attention to the dastardly Democratic Congress and focus on the importance of the House races, etc.

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However, Bill Timmons is strongly opposed to the idea and labels it 'silly.' Timmons objections are: 1) it is inconsistent with the purpose of the convention and 2) since Rhodes is a Ford man, a fight could develop resulting in Rhodes defeat.

- TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:
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Date of submission: July 28, 1976



ACTION: _____

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KATHIE

Make sure that Bill Timmons is informed of the substance of the message in the President's handwriting at the bottom of the attached memo concerning this phone call to Congressman Bob Wilson.

RBC

7/26/76



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 24, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: DICK CHENEY

Mr. President, this is just a reminder that you wanted to call Bob Wilson concerning his plan to have a national campaign for John Rhodes as Speaker.

I've talked with Bill Timmons about this, among others, and he is strongly opposed to one of Wilson's ideas, which is to have Rhodes put in nomination for Speaker at the Convention.

I don't think we should detract from the purpose of the Convention by this. In addition, this would involve time and is inconsistent with the purpose of the Convention. Since Rhodes is clearly identified as a strong supporter of yours, it could simply precipitate an unnecessary fight.

Bill believes strongly that we should not let this campaign for Rhodes interfere with the overall purpose of the Convention.

MC 7

7/26/76 - Mail 2 was 100% for Rhodes but doubted practicality of nomination on floor of Convention. Suggested the Temporary Chairman could give him a big send-off as he passed gravel to J. Rhodes as Permanent Chairman.

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July 27, 1976

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO : President Ford

FROM : Jim ^{John}Baker/Skip ^{SW}Watts

RE : MRS. JAMES (MARY) MASTERSON
Uncommitted Delegate from WYOMING
307/237-8004

DATE : ASAP

BACKGROUND : County Chairwoman for Natrona County. Husband is a geologist in the oil business. She was born in Detroit and went to the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She is in her early 50's. Secretary Simon spoke with Mrs. Masterson yesterday (7/26) and was told that if the President called her she will commit publicly.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION :

- 1) This is to express personal congratulations for being elected delegate and, prospectively, for representing Wyoming at Kansas City.
- 2) What are your feelings regarding the degree of support I might gain from the Wyoming delegation in light of recent developments in the nomination contest?
- 3) I believe I will win the nomination on the first ballot and I would personally appreciate your support in achieving this goal. Will you commit publicly?



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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO : President Ford

FROM : Jim ^{SW} Baker/Skip Watts

RE : MRS. CHARLES (MINNIE) NEWTON
Uncommitted Delegate from WYOMING
307/632-5344

DATE : ASAP

BACKGROUND : Mrs. Newton is 56 years old with two grown sons. She is Chairwoman of the Wyoming Womens Federation. She is an uncommitted delegate and has felt she must remain that way due to her position with the Wyoming Women's Federation. She was called by Secretary Simon yesterday (7/26) and told the Secretary she would commit publicly for Ford if she received a call from the President.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION :

- 1) This is to express personal congratulations for being elected delegate and, prospectively, for representing Wyoming at Kansas City.
- 2) I understand that you are Chairwoman of the Women's Federation in Wyoming. We need more women like yourself that take an active role in politics.
- 3) I believe I will win the nomination on the first ballot and I would appreciate your support in achieving this goal. Will you commit publicly?



THE WHITE HOUSE
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Dick Cheney

Berry Goldwater
will join V.P. & J.C.
in nominating & recording
my nomination.

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July 28, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY

FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF

M.B.

Senator Hugh Scott phoned and said that Senator Goldwater is now ready to speak to the Republican National Convention and that Goldwater has also received calls from 12 Reagan delegates indicating strong displeasure with the Schweiker selection and at least two of these Reagan delegates indicate they are switching to President Ford.

Senator Scott suggested the President phone Senator Goldwater without indicating he was aware of these developments to receive them first-hand from Goldwater.

cc: Jack Marsh



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July 21, 1976

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: JIM FIELD

FROM: JIM BAKER *[Signature]*

RE: Thomas S. Giordano (Tom)
Mississippi Alternate (Soft Reagan)
Pearl, Mississippi
601/939-1609 (H)
601/939-1244 (O)

9/28/76
8:15 PM
Recommended to
commit as White
Reed had
no decision.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Giordano (age 37) is Secretary of the Mississippi Republican Party and was a delegate to the 1968 and 1972 conventions. He is President of the Giordano-Kirby Insurance Agency. He has managed several Congressional, Senatorial and Gubernatorial races in Mississippi. He has expressed great interest in the Rule 29 controversy, anti-busing, and a tax exemption for private schools.

We have been carrying Mr. Giordano as a soft Reagan vote, by virtue of his close association with Clark Reed. This afternoon (7/21), he told Harry Dent's assistant, John Davis, that if the President called him and asked for his support, he would not turn him down.

TALKING POINTS:

1. We are gaining tremendous momentum in the campaign, and I hope very much that you personally will be supportive of my candidacy.
2. I would be very pleased to talk to you about any specific concerns you might have and wanted to take this opportunity to chat with you.

SPECIAL NOTE TO GRF

You should not get involved in the question of whether or not the delegates should vote to break the unit rule; that decision is best left up to the Mississippi PFC.

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July 29th, 1976

RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: Jim Field
FROM: *J.B.* Jim Baker / *WR* Bill Russo
RE: Glenn Annexstad (Glenn)
St, Paul, Minnesota
507/246-5207

BACKGROUND: Mr. Annexstad was elected as an uncommitted delegate at the 2nd. District Convention (Cong. Hagedorn's). He is a close friend of Ancher Nelsen's. Two weeks ago, he committed publicly to Reagan. However, he was very upset by Sen. Schweiker's nomination. Nelsen called him and he opened the possibility of switching. He then called Ancher Nelsen back last night (7/28) and asked who the President was considering for Vice President. Ancher went over the standard list, and stressed the President's statement that the choice would be compatible with the Ford record.

TALKING POINTS: My friend Ancher Nelsen has relayed a message to me that you are concerned about my Vice Presidential Choice. I want to assure you that my choice will be in step with the record of my administration and my philosophy. (stress if necessary the conservative achievements of the Ford record) I have consistently stood by this position and my credibility in the general election will be at least partially judged by this choice.



(If Annexstad is responsive) It is very important for the Party that we are together going into the convention. As you know, events of this campaign since the North Dakota convention have put me over the top for the nomination. However, the more secure the nomination is, the less chance there is of a division battle at the convention. You can help our Party by your willingness to make a public commitment prior to the convention.

