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MEETING WITH
SENATOR JAKE GARN

Wednesday, June 23, 1976

12:30 P. M.

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June 22, 1976

MEETING WITH SENATOR JAKE GARN (R-Utah)

Wednesday, June 23, 1976
12:30-12:45 P.M. (15 Minutes)
Oval Office

Thru: Max L. Friedersdorf
From: Bob Wolthuis *RKW*

I. PURPOSE

To give the President and Senator Garn an opportunity to discuss items of mutual interest including the Utah GOP Convention July 16-17, 1976

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. The President called Senator Garn last week to discuss the political situation in Utah. Senator Garn was not in, but called back shortly thereafter to Bill Nicholson requesting a meeting with the President.
2. Senator Garn may wish to discuss a couple of non-political items with the President. He has worked very hard for the Minute Man supplemental appropriation request and the President may wish to thank him for his efforts.
3. The Senator was recently appointed to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and has taken a very responsible position that seeks to bring balance to the committee's work.
4. Senator Garn is a strong supporter of Revenue Sharing stemming from his duties as Mayor of Salt Lake City. He also feels that New York City is not complying with its obligations under the three year financial plan. His voting record on national security issues is very pro-administration.

II. Background (Continued)

5. Senator Garn remains opposed to the administration's policy and recent executive order on Control of Predatory Animals.
6. The Utah GOP Convention on July 16-17 has 20 national delegates. Under Party rules Senator Garn is not an automatic delegate and will have to run for election. Jake has publicly announced his support for the President although he has intimated that he may not run as a delegate to the National Convention. The Utah GOP Convention will be tough sledding for the Ford delegates. The Reagan people were very successful in the mass meetings and the county conventions. About 52% of the delegates are for or leaning toward Reagan. The Ford people estimate they have about 36% with the rest uncommitted. As a starter the President should urge Jake to keep the delegate option open. Senator Garn should make no statement to the effect that he will not be a delegate, thus closing the door on the one person who has the best chance of being elected as a Ford delegate at the Utah Convention.

B. Participants: The President
 Senator Jake Garn
 Jeff Bingham (Senator Garn's Administrative Assistant)
 Bob Wolthuis (staff)

C. Press Plan: None - White House photo only

III. TALKING POINTS

1. Usual courtesies.
2. Jake, I appreciate your support on my Minute Man III supplemental request.
3. I am also very delighted to have someone of your caliber and background on the new Senate Intelligence Committee. You bring some genuine balance to the committee.
4. Now let's turn to a subject of great interest to both of us, the Utah GOP Convention on July 16 and 17. Jake, I need some of those delegates. How do you see the situation?