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From: Jim Field

I. PURPOSE

To meet with soft Reagan delegate, Dr. Al Cramer.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. <u>Background</u>: Dr. Cramer, 44, (Al) is a physician from Culpeper (7th District - Jack Marsh's district) and a Reagan delegate. He is Chairman of the Republican Committee of the 7th District and serves on the Executive Committee of the State Central Committee of Virginia.

He has been a coordinator in the congressional campaigns of Congressman Ken Robinson—to whom he is particularly close. Robinson has confirmed to the President Ford Committee that Cramer is definitely a possible switchover. Cramer has also worked in the campaigns of Godwin and Dalton. He is very conservative.

Cramer attended last Sunday's meeting of Virginia Reagan delegates with Senator Schweiker and apparently came away from that meeting even softer in his support than before, this due to the Schweiker selection.

Cramer's softness was originally reported to the President Ford Committee by former state chairman Warren French, but French suggests his name not be injected as the two are not that close and apparently have had some differences in the past. Again, Congressman Robinson is the key.

Cramer has not said he will switch to uncommitted or President Ford but has stated he is reassessing his position and would like to ask the President several questions before proceeding further.

- B. <u>Participants:</u> Dr. Alfred Cramer, Dick Cheney, Jack Marsh and Jim Baker.
- C. Press Plan: White House Photo Only.