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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 1, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF

SUBJECT: Edith Green

M.F.

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I have talked to Edith Green and she has accepted your invitation to visit Washington this week and will see you on Friday.

In connection with this visit I have received a phone call from Mr. Craig Berkman who is Chairman of the President Ford Committee in Oregon.

Mr. Berkman wanted the President to be aware that the premature newspaper stories last week about Mrs. Green's possible endorsement of the President stimulated phone calls to her from both Jimmy Carter and Al Ullman seeking to prevent her from endorsing the President.

According to Berkman, Carter became very testy during his conversation with Mrs. Green when she disputed that she and Carter were very close on the issues. Mrs. Green mentioned that this was not possible because Carter had embraced Mondale and Mrs. Green is diametrically opposed to most of the Mondale positions.

Berkman also wanted the President to know that Mrs. Green intends to discuss the question of the quality of education when she visits the White House to see the President.

Berkman said that Mrs. Green's popularity in Oregon cannot be overestimated, that she has assumed a senior statesman image that cuts across party lines.