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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH JAMES R. THOMPSON, REPUBLICAN NOMINEE

FOR GOVERNOR IN ILLINOIS

Tuesday, September 21, 1976 12:15 p.m. (15 minutes) The Private Study

From: Fim Field

I. PURPOSE

Courtesy call by Jim Thompson coupled with a T. V. filming.

II. BACKGROUND & PARTICIPANTS

- A. Background: Jim Thompson is having a fund raiser tonight in Chicago at which you were asked to be the principal speaker. Because you were unable to accept the invitation, Jim Thompson wanted the chance to meet with you to discuss the campaign and pay a courtesy visit. During the meeting, Jim Thompson has arranged for the Republican Governors Association to do some filming of both of you for possible campaign use by Thompson in Illinois. He is also going to ask you to cut a 2-minute audio tape indicating that you and Mrs. Ford are sorry that you are unable to be at the fund raiser, but that you are confident he will be going on to win a great victory on November 2 in Illinois.
- B. <u>Participants:</u> James R. Thompson and (Helen Collins of Bill Carruthers' office will be present to work with the technical people on the filming.)