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MEMORANDUM FOR: RON ZIEGLER

FROM:  J. BRUCE WHELIHAN

SUBJECT: Resolutions (Platform) Committee Hearings

The Resolutions Committee is comprised of 54 delegations from the states and trust territories. There are two members of each delegation. The full Committee is thus comprised of 108 members. Congressman Rhodes is Chairman of the Committee. The schedule of Committee hearings is attached. This is the same schedule that was provided you previously.

At the present time, it is planned that the full Committee will hear 14 to 20 witnesses. Each witness will be given approximately 30 minutes. Subcommittees of the full Committee will hear some 200 witnesses.

At present, planners are discussing the timing of the Committee hearings. It is proposed that the full Committee hold its hearings in the morning, so that the news media - particularly television - will focus on them. The Subcommittee hearings - where most of the protests will take place - are scheduled for the afternoon, too late for network television that day.

Chapin is the one encouraging discussion of the hearings - technique, witnesses, issues, etc. As I noted in a previous memo, there was some discussion of the hearings in last Friday's Planning Meeting. Dwight would welcome your suggestions.

Most present felt that there should be some conflict at the hearings, and that it was a bad idea to try and muffle protest or opposition to the President's programs by scheduling all the Subcommittee meetings for the afternoon. Safire, in particular, feels that we will be roundly criticized by the media if we attempt this ploy.

According to Chapin, some consideration is being given to having the President open the Platform Hearings. He wouldn't participate in any Q. & A.'s with the full Committee. Rather, he would deliver a brief "inspirational" message to the full Committee. Dwight proposes that if he does this, it be on a special trip to Miami. He does not think that the President ought to do it coming or going from Key Biscayne.

Ed Harper and Ken Cole are handling White House input to the Platform Hearings. They are continuing their analysis of the Democrat's Platform and assisting Administration witnesses in preparing testimony. Harper will be happy to feed the analysis to us, on an issue by issue basis, as we need it.

JBW

cc: Jerry Warren
Neal Ball
Agnes Waldron

Attachment

- Jim Marshall will be handling media responsibilities for the Resolutions (Platform) Committee. His phone in Washington is 638-5095. He is a public relations consultant being retained by the Committee specifically for this job.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: RON ZIEGLER
FROM: *J. Bruce Whelihan*
 J. BRUCE WHELIHAN
SUBJECT: Platform - Strategy

In my previous memorandum on the Platform Committee, I indicated the discussion going on at present regards how the hearings should be handled. This discussion continued at the Planning Meeting today (7/19).

Control:

Congressman Rhodes is Chairman of the Platform Committee. We are hopeful that the other 108 members of the Committee will be our friends. There are sure to be a few renegades, but no one is too concerned about them.

Cole and Harper are in charge of issues, witnesses and any other input from the White House. Cole indicated that we are all squared away as to what our position is - on any issue.

Rhodes, by telephone today, indicated to Ehrlichman that he did not like the list of witnesses that the White House proposed. He considers it too bland. This prompted a discussion at the Planning Meeting of the overall strategy for the Platform Hearings.

Chapin bowed out on this one. He indicated that the Domestic Council is to call the shots here. He suggested, though, that the final strategy for the hearings be run by the President.

The basic question to be decided is how much of an uproar to permit at the hearings. How much of a controversy do we want? How many protest groups do we want to appear before the Committee or Subcommittee?

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There is a wide split on this question. The Domestic Council goes along with Rhodes' present schedule of having the main Committee meetings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with the Subcommittee meetings in the afternoon. Most of the protest groups would appear before the Subcommittees. Cole feels that there should be as little protest, as little controversy as possible. He would like to see a very bland hearings process.

Scali, Moore and others feel very definitely that we have to permit somewhat of a show before the Committee and Subcommittees buy the protest groups. They argue that after all we are the party of the Open Door.

Scali feels strongly that the networks will bend over backwards to give balanced coverage to the Platform Hearings. He says that the Hearings will set the tone for the whole Convention, and urges strongly that we not close the door to everyone but our friends. He thinks that will poison the press - for the entire Convention. No decision was made at the meeting on a strategy for the Hearings. Ehrlichman promised to get together with Rhodes. I'm sure the topic will come again on Friday. I'd like to sit down and discuss it with you before then.

JBW