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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEAVER

FROM:

MICHAEL A. MCMANUS, JR.

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Agenda

Arrangements Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 9, 1983

Hyatt Regency Dallas in Regency "B" from 2-5 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER by Ernest Angelo, Jr., Chairman

ROLL CALL by Mary Stivers, Secretary

APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY MEETING

TREASURERS REPORT by George Clark, Treasurer

Remarks by Dave Fox, Chairman, Dallas Welcoming Committee Remarks by Fred Meyer, Chrmn, Dallas Republican Host Committee Remarks by Levi Davis, Assistant City Manager, City of Dallas

REPORT by Rick Shelby, Convention Manager

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Housing by Nancy Apgar
Security by Bill Harris
News Media Operations by Dennis Olsen
House & Senate Press Galleries Authority
Expenses for Staff of Standing Committees

PRESENTATIONS

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1. Seating of Delegates on the Floor of the Convention
- 2. Distribution of Printed Materials or Advertising
- 3. Telephones on the floor of the convention
- 4. Floor Demonstrations
- 5. Congressional Media Galleries Authority
- 6. Expenses for Staff of Congressional Media Galleries
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- 9. Authority for Chairman of the Republican National Committee to Appoint Temporary Resolutions Committee & Staff
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- 11. General Authority to Execute Contracts
- 12. Authority of Vice Chairman of Committee

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS for the 1984 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

June 9, 1983

Definitions

<u>VOTED</u>: That, as used in all resolutions relating to the Convention, the following terms shall have the meanings hereinafter given:

"Committee" shall mean the Committee on Arrangements for the 1984 Republican National Convention of the Republican National Committee.

"Convention" shall mean the 1984
Republican National Convention to be convened
in Dallas, Texas, on August 20, 1984.

"Convention Hall" shall mean the East

Exhibit Hall and Center Exhibit Hall on Levels

Three and Four of the Dallas, Texas, Convention

Center designated by the Committee for plenary

sessions of the Convention.

"Delegates" shall refer to delegates to the Convention, but shall not include alternate delegates to the Convention.

"State" or "States" shall be taken to include all 50 states plus the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, unless the context in which the word "State" or "States" is used clearly makes such inclusion inappropriate.

"Subcommittee" shall mean a Subcommittee of the Committee.

1. Seating of Delegates on the Floor of the Convention

VOTED: That the seating plans for delegates from each State in the Convention Hall be arranged by political precedence based on the result determined by averaging the four percentages applicable to each State of: (a) the total number of votes cast for the Republican candidate for President in the last election; (b) the total number of votes cast for the Republican candidate for the United States Senate in the last Senatorial election; (c) the total number of votes cast for the Republican candidate for governor in the last gubernatorial election; and (d) the total number of votes cast statewide for the Republican candidates for the United States House of Representatives in the 1982 election.

VOTED: That Texas be given preferred seating regardless of rank; that no delegates from any State shall be divided by an aisle; and that every State delegation shall have access to a microphone.

2. Distribution of Printed Materials or Advertising

VOTED: That the appropriate officers and employees of the Convention be and they hereby are directed to forbid and prevent the distribution upon the seats of delegates, alternates, officials, and members of the press of any printed materials, advertising material, or periodicals not authorized by the Chairman or the Vice Chairman of the Committee or the Convention Manager, except the Roll of the Convention, the Order of Business of the Convention, the report of the Committee on Resolutions (Platform), and the Convention Rules.

3. Telephones on the Floor of the Convention

VOTED: That each candidate for President shall be permitted to install, at his own expense, direct telephone communications to the floor of the Convention Hall with any delegation that consents in a writing filed with the Convention Manager to such telephone installation, but not to exceed one telephone installation per delegation for any one candidate.

VOTED: That each delegation shall be permitted to install, at its own expense, one telephone in its delegate seating area and one telephone in its alternate delegate seating area for general communication purposes.

4. Floor Demonstrations

VOTED: That floor demonstrations for candidates nominated for President or Vice President shall be permitted; but that the only participants in said demonstrations shall be delegates and alternates, members of the Republican National Committee, and state delegation aides; except as otherwise authorized by the Chairman or the Vice Chairman of the Committee or the Convention Manager.

<u>VOTED</u>: That the appropriate officers of the Convention be instructed to forbid entrance to the Convention Hall during or prior to these demonstrations to any person who does not have an authorized Convention ticket or pass.

<u>VOTED</u>: That no noisemakers (bull horns, other horns, whistles, clappers, crickets, etc.) or other items disruptive to the business of the Convention be allowed in any part of the Convention Hall at any time.

5. Congressional Media Galleries Authority

That the Standing Committee of Correspondents which VOTED: administers the Congressional Press Galleries, the Executive Committee of the Periodical Press Galleries, and the Executive Committee of the Radio and Television Correspondents' Galleries be and they hereby are authorized to assign and regulate seating and space at the Dallas Convention Center which have been allocated by the Committee for use by accredited representatives of the various news media; and that the Standing Committee of the Press Photographers' Gallery be and it hereby is authorized to assign and regulate space at the Dallas Convention Center which has been allocated by the Committee for use by accredited representatives of the news photo media.

6. Expenses for Staff of Congressional Media Galleries

VOTED: That, for the purpose of regulating use of facilities provided for accredited members of the press, periodicals, radio-TV, and press photographers, the Convention Manager be and he hereby is authorized to appoint: staff for the Standing Committee of Correspondents which administers the Congressional-Press Galleries; staff for the Executive Committee of the Periodical Press Galleries; staff for the Executive Committee of the Radio and Television Correspondents' Galleries; and staff for the Standing Committee of the Press Photographers' Gallery.

VOTED: That the transportation of the persons referred to in the preceding vote from Washington, D.C., to Dallas, Texas, and return at Y Class fare and hotel accommodations (only room charge to be included) be provided.

<u>VOTED</u>: That an allowance of [T.B.D] per day for superintendents and [T.B.D.] per day for assistants be provided.

7. Selection of Pages

VOTED: That the Chairman or the Vice Chairman of the

Committee or the Convention Manager be, and each of
them hereby is, authorized to appoint, upon the
recommendation of the member or members of the
Republican National Committee serving on the Committee
from each State, pages on the basis of one for each 12
delegates or one-half or greater fraction thereof from
each State; provided, however, that each State and the
District of Columbia shall have a minimum of two pages
each and Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam
shall have one page each.

VOTED: That the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Committee and the Convention Manager be, and each of them hereby is, authorized to appoint such additional pages as may be necessary for the orderly conduct of the Convention; provided, however, that the total number of pages allocated to the States and so appointed shall not exceed 250.

<u>VOTED</u>: That all pages shall be between the ages of 16 and 21 at the time of the Convention, and shall report to the Chief Page for instructions and assignment, and that no compensation or allowance for expenses shall be paid to pages by the Committee.

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aides for each State.

<u>VOTED</u>: That the State delegation aides shall report to the chairman of the delegation for the State represented and shall serve under the direction of that official.

VOTED: That seats on the floor of the Convention will be provided for the State delegation aides for each State: one seat in the section assigned to the delegates for the State represented and one seat in the section assigned to the alternate delegates for the State represented.

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9. Authority for Chairman of the Republican National Committee to Appoint a Temporary Resolutions Committee and Staff

VOTED: That Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr., Chairman of the Republican National Committee, after consultation with the officers of the Committee, be and he hereby is authorized to appoint officers, members, and staff of the Temporary Committee on Resolutions (Platform Committee) for the Convention at such time after the date hereof as he considers advisable.

10. Authority to Obtain Office Space, Employ Personnel, and Purchase Supplies

VOTED: That the Convention Manager, with the advice and consent of the Chairman of the Committee, be and he hereby is authorized to obtain office space in Dallas, Texas, to employ necessary personnel, and to purchase such supplies and services as are needed for the conduct of the affairs of the Committee.

11. General Authority to Execute Contracts

VOTED: That the Chairman of the Committee, or any officer or agent of the Committee designated by him, be, and each of them individually hereby is, authorized and empowered, in the name and on behalf of the Committee, to execute and deliver contracts, leases, and any other documents whatsoever and to take any other actions which, in the opinion of the person so acting shall seem necessary, appropriate, or desirable to produce an efficient, effective, and successful Convention; the execution and delivery of any such document or the taking of any such action to be conclusive evidence of the authority of the person so acting in the premises.

12. Authority of Vice Chairman of Committee

<u>VOTED</u>: That any authority heretofore or hereafter granted to the Chairman of the Committee may be exercised by the Vice Chairman of the Committee in the absence, disability, or disqualification of the Chairman of the Committee.

1984 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION ALLOCATION OF PAGES

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STATE	TOTAL NO. DELEGATES	1 PAGE PER 12 DELEGATES	STATE	TOTAL NO. DELEGATES	1 PAGE PER 12 DELEGATES
Alabama	38	3	Montana	20	2
Alaska	18	2	Nebraska	24	2
Arizona	32	3	Nevada	22	2
Arkansas	29	2	New Hampshire	22	2 -
California	176	15	New Jersey	64	5
Colorado	35	3	New Mexico	24	2
Connecticut	19	2	New York	136	11
Delaware	14	1 (2)*	North Carolina	53	4
Dist. of Columb:	ia 14	1 (2)*	North Dakota	18	2
Florida	82	7	Ohio	89	7
Georgia	37	3	Oklahoma	35	3
Guam	4	0 (1)*	Oregon	32	3
Hawaii	14	1 (2)*	Pennsylvania	98	8
Idaho	21	2	Puerto Rico	14	1
Illinois	93	8	Rhode Island	14	1
Indiana	52	4	South Carolina	35	3
Iowa	37	3	South Dakota	19	2
Kansas	32	3	Tennessee	46	4
Kentucky	37	3	Texas	109	9
Louisiana	41	3	Utah	26	2
Maine	20	2	Vermont	19	2
Maryland	31	3	Virginia	50	4
Massachusetts	52	4	Virgin Islands	4	0 (1)*
Michigan	77	6	Washington	43	4
Minnesota	32	3	West Virginia	19	2
Mississippi	30	3	Wisconsin	46	4
Missouri	47	4	Wyoming	18	2

* Minimum

TOTALS: 2,234 187 (192)*

Dear Mike:

Please find enclosed the copy of the letter I was sent to Frank Fahrenkopf which you requested.

Thank you for taking the time to hear me out this morning. I'm glad the ideas were well received.

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Best regards,

Don Ringe

Mr. Michael Deaver The White House Washington, D.C.

June 3, 1983

Encl.

For Convention



Dear Frank,

To review our recent conversation:

In the face of potential coverage problems for the Republican National Convention by the television networks and other media outlets, it will be incumbent upon us to produce more than just an exercise in the likely nomination of the President for a second term. We must bring as many production elements as possible to the presentation of the convention in order to insure that it provides a continuous and exciting series of media events.

Among the recommendations I suggest:

1) Interactive Satellite Communications --

The creation of a Republican Satellite Network for the convention with uplinks and downlinks situated in strategic areas, both across the nation and around the world. The network would allow for the timely insertion of live, onlocation presentations by such persons as: e.g., a local union leader at a newly-opened plant providing a testimonial on the efficacy of the Reagan Administration's economic recovery policy, or, our ambassador to El Salvador (Bonn, London, Tokyo, etc.) for a discussion of defense, international trade, and other foreign policy matters.

Each of the individuals involved in the live, on-location feeds would be interviewed, or interact with any number of our incumbents/candidates with a specific interest or need in that area.

We would, in effect, be making our own news on a continuous basis, and could selectively present these productions to the floor of the convention, either live or on tape, or bypass the convention, feeding directly to the media. In either case, we may wish to make our "location" guests available to the press.

Mr. Frank Fahrenkopf - 2

2) Theme--

With the Republican Satellite Network as an integral element of the communications process, we should utilize a "high-tech" motif throughout the convention presentation, both in its physical layout and actual working systems.

The podium and delegate areas should be designed in a "futuristic" mode, allowing for maximum utilization of a dramatic, horizontal perspective to compensate for the hall's low ceilings.

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These are but a few of my ideas on ways to enhance both the style and substance of the convention. I look forward to meeting with you in the near future to further explore these and other concepts to bring to the American people an image of the Republican Party as having prevailed over the past and being prepared to meet the future.

Sincerely,

RINGE MEDIA, INC.

President Ringe

Mr. Frank Fahrenkopf Chairman The Republican National Committee 310 First Street S.E. Washington, D.C.

6 May, 1983

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for the 1984 Republican National Convention

Executive Committee listing

Arrangements committee officers:

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Trudy McDonald, CA
George Clark, NY
Mary Stivers, GA

Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr. Betty Heitman Roger Allan Moore William H. Stanhagen, VA John C. McDonald Mary Louise Smith, IA

Chairman Vice Chairman Treasurer Secretary

RNC Chairman
RNC Co-Chairman
General Counsel
Rules Committee Chairman
Contest Committee Chairman
Advisor to the Arrangements
Committee

Noel Gross, NJ

Decorations Subcommittee Chairman

Nancy Apgar, OK

Housing Subcommittee Chairman

Fran Chiles, TX

Host Committee Chairman

Dennis Olsen, ID

News Media Subcommittee Chairman

Jennifer Dunn, WA Program Planning Subcommittee Chairman

Don Adams, IL Special Events Subcommittee Chairman

Jack Courtemanche, CA Entertainment Subcommittee Chairman

(vacancy) Tickets and Badges Subcommittee Chairman

Peter Secchia, MI Transportation Subcommittee Chairman

Ginny Martinez, LA VIP's Subcommittee Chairman

Sheila Roberge, NH Youth Activities Subcommittee Chairman

Bill Harris, AL Security Subcommittee Chairman

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE FOR THE 1984 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Ernest Angelo, Jr., TX -- Chairman Trudy McDonald, CA -- Vice Chairman George Clark, NY -- Treasurer Mary Stivers, GA -- Secretary Roger Allan Moore -- General Counsel

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DECORATIONS

Ch. Noel Gross NJ
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Leona Dodds Ar
Carla Coray HI
Ody Fish WI
Peter Perez Guam

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Ralph Knobel NE

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Peter Murphy OR

Louis A. Ferre PR

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*Ch.

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Joan Burgess VI
Margie Kelly WY
John Holmes RI

SECURITY

Ch. Bill Harris AL
VC Sallie Folsom NE
Bo Callaway CO
Larry Forgy KY
Evelyn McPhail MS

*to be elected at the June Meeting

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

ALL ACTIVITIES FROM THE POINT TAKE PLACE IN DALLAS

August 12, 1984	Preliminary meeting of <u>Committee on Resolutions</u> (<u>Platform</u>). This is usually an organizational meeting followed by a social period. This Committee will meet daily as a whole or in subcommittees or both during the period August 12 through 19, 1984.
August 13, 1984	Meeting of <u>Committee on Contests</u> , if required. Possible meeting would occur next day or two days of meetings might be required
	Final meeting of the Committee on Rules of the National Committee to adopt the report which will be submitted to the Republican National Committee for approval
	Final meeting of the Committee on Arrangements
	Convention Hall to be in complete state of preparedness for television tests and rehearsals
August 15, 1984	Final meeting of current <u>Republican National</u> <u>Committee</u> . At this meeting the temporary roll of the Convention is approved, all final arrangements are reported and the report of the Rules Committee is adopted for referral to the Convention Committee on Rules and Order of Business
August 16, 1984	Delivery of Badges and Tickets for each state to Members of the Republican National Committee
	Delivery of Badges and Tickets to the Superintendents of the news media groups (with the possible exception of Temporary Floor Passes, which may be issued each day)
August 17-18, 1984	Delivery of special Badges and Tickets to individuals who present letter of authorization and do not receive tickets from state source
August 19, 1984	Meeting of Pages for instructions, credentials and rehearsal
August 19, 1984	Preliminary meeting of Committee on Rules and Order of Business

Final instructions for Pages

CONVENTION TIMETABLE

August 20, 1984

First Session (Morning)

The Convention is called to order by the Chairman of the Republican National Committee (Brief morning session required to ratify organization and authorize Convention Committees which meet in the afternoon)

Meeting of the Convention Committee on Credentials

Meeting of the Convention Committee on Rules and Order of Business

Meeting of the Convention $\underline{\text{Committee on Permanent}}$ Organization

Final meeting of the $\underline{\text{Committee on Resolutions}}$ (Platform)

Second Session (Evening)

Major Business: Temporary Chairman receives gavel from Chairman of the Republilcan National Committee

Keynote Address

August 21, 1984

Third Session (Evening)

Major Business: Action on the reports of the Committees on (1) Credentials; (2) Rules and Order of Business; (3) Permanent Organization; (4) Resolutions (Platform)

Note: Under existing Rules the report of the Committee on Credentials <u>must</u> be disposed of before the report of the Committee on Resolutions is acted upon, and the report of the <u>Committee</u> on Resolutions (Platform) shall be disposed of before the Convention proceeds to the nomination of candidates for President and Vice President

The Permanent Chairman receives gavel from the Temporary Chairman

August 22, 1984

Fourth Session (Evening)

Major Business: Nomination of Candidates for President

Ratification of new National Committee

August 23, 1984

Fifth Session (Evening)

Major Business: Nomination of candidates for Vice President (Adoption of certain resolutions such as vacancy in the ticket; the printing of Proceedings of the Convention and other less vital resolutions)

Acceptance Speech by the candidate for Vice President

Acceptance Speech by the candidate for President

August 24, 1984

Meeting of new National Committee for the purpose , of organizing and electing officers

September 1. 1984	RNC Lease period is over at Dallas Convention Center
October 17, 1984	Post Convention report must be filed (or no later than ten days after activity relating to the Presidential nominating convention has ceased)
November 6, 1984	Presidential Election Date

GENERAL FACT SHEET

1984 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

DATE

August 20-23, 1984

Dallas Welcoming

Committee

SITE

The Dallas Convention Center

Dave Fox, Chairman

Exhibit Hall

Linda Perryman, Exec.Dir.

650 South Griffin Street

214/954-1426

Dallas, TX 75202

City of Dallas Dallas Republican Host

Committee

Contact Person: Jennifer Cutrer 214/658-7038

Fred Meyer, Chairman

214/747-8251

FACILITY

Main Exhibit Hall size: 200,000 sq. ft. Approximately 17,000 seats will be provided.

Media Work Space: 275,000 sq. ft.

SCHEDULE

Tentative: Two sessions on the first day and one evening

session each day thereafter.

HEADQUARTERS

A convention office will be opened in the Dallas Convention

Center in February, 1984. (Headquarters Hotels to be

determined).

HOTEL ROOMS

Number of rooms needed: 24,000

Dallas has tentatively committed rooms in 123

hotels.

All rooms are within a 25 minute drive time of the Convention facility (including 10,000 rooms within

three miles).

DALLAS-THE CITY

The modern metroplex known as Dallas is located in north central Texas. It boasts a population of over 900,000 people and ranks as the seventh largest city in the United States.

Dallas offers industries, arts, World Class Sports Teams, fine stores, Six Flags Amusement Park, and the world's largest wholesale market complex.

Dallas is served by the Dallas/Ft. Worth Regional Airport. In 1980, more than 21,000,000 passengers and 212,000 tons of cargo passed through this modern facility. D/FW is serviced by 21 major airlines, including American Airlines.

American Airlines, whose home office is located in Dallas, has been designated as the Official Carrier for the 1984 Republican National Convention. American offers 272 direct flights into D/FW each day.

The mayor of Dallas is Starke Taylor.

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COST/FUNDING

Public funding for the 1984 Republican National Convention is available from the Federal Election Commission.

These funds — estimated entitlement of around \$6,000,000 — are available to defray expenses incurred with respect to a Presidential nominating convention. Funds will be available July 1, 1983. Federal law limits RNC Convention expenditures to the entitlement amount. The city of Dallas intends to finance its commitment to provide facilities and services to the 1984 Republican National Convention through the use of the Dallas Convention Fund, a general convention promotion fund established within the Dallas Convention Center, a a governmental agency of the City. City of Dallas costs have been estimated at around \$3-4,000,000.

DELEGATES

Approximately 2,000 delegates and 2,000 alternates. Following the November, 1983 elections, the exact number of delegates will be determined according to the rules adopted at the 1980 Republilcan National Convention.

CONVENTION MANAGER

Richard D. (Rick) Shelby

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

The Committee on Arrangements consists of at least one member from each state and territory. There are 76 members.

Chairman: Ernest Angelo, Jr. (Midland, TX)
V. Chairman: Trudy McDonald (Fremont, CA)
Treasurer: George Clark (Albany, NY)
Secretary: Mary Stivers (Decatur, GA)

This Committee consists of the following 12 subcommittees:

Decorations
Entertainment
Host Committee
Housing
News Media
Program Planning
Security
Special Events
Tickets and Badges
Transportation
VIPS
Youth Activities

Noel Gross, Chairman
Jack Courtemanche, Chairman
Fran Chiles, Chairman
Nancy Apgar, Chairman
Dennis Olsen, Chairman
Jennifer Dunn, Chairman
Bill Harris, Chairman
Don Adams, Chairman
Robert Voy, Chairman
Peter Secchia, Chairman
Ginny Martinez, Chairman
Sheila Roberge, Chairman

New Jersey
California
Texas
Oklahoma
Idaho
Washington
Alabama
Illinois
Oregon
Michigan
Louisiana
New Hampshire

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Dallas police draft security plan for GOP convention

By COPE MOYERS and FORD FESSENDEN

Staff Writers

Dallas police are planning security for next year's Republican National Convention with the assumption President Reagan will stay at the Loews Anatole Hotel and Vice President George Bush at the Hyatt Regency Dallas at Reunion, police officials said Friday.

Although police have not been told where Reagan and Bush will stay by the Republican National Committee, Deputy Chief Bill Newman said the department expects Reagan will stay at the Anatole and Bush at the Hyatt Regency. The RNC is expected to announce its decision next month.

"We're basing our plans on that," said

Newman, who is in charge of Dallas police operations during the week of the convention. "I feel very confident our plans are proceeding in the right direction."

Convention planners denied that any decision has been made about where the President will stay.

"The decision ultimately has not been made," said Peggy Venable, director of convention planning for the RNC. "That announcement will be made in the summer RNC meeting (June 8-11 in Dallas)."

Ms. Venable said the field has been narrowed to the Hyatt and the Anatole — Dallas' largest hotels — and that both will be used. But, she said, at this point plans call for both Bush and Reagan to stay at the same hotel, while the other will be used by the RNC as headquarters for the convention.

Newman said police already have surveyed both sites, talking with hotel security people and generally mapping the layout of the hotels. He said security planning is still in the preliminary stages and won't go into full swing until later this summer.

Capt. Larry Fambrough, in charge of an estimated 150 officers responsible for providing security at Reagan's hotel, said his plans also include the President staying at the

Anatole,
"It's no big secret around here where the President is planning to stay," Fambrough

Newman said police expect Reagan and Bush to stay in separate hotels for security reasons, but stressed the plans could change depending on what the RNC decides.

"From our standpoint, it makes sense from a security decision to have them in different hotels," he said. "But sometimes security and politics would prefer to see things done in different ways."

Police already have been forced to allocate about \$85,000 from the department's bud-

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"We're trying to get as much in early as possible," said Cooper. "In this early stage there is (a cash flow problem), but my midmonth next month, we should be meeting the requirements as they come out."

Cooper said the fund had raised \$65,000 in cash as of this week, with an additional \$350,000 pledged. After expenses, the accumulated money will be transferred to city accounts for use as needed, he said.

The designation as the official presidential residence for convention week is considered a public relations boon, and both the Hyatt, owned by oilman Ray Hunt's Woodbine Development Corp., and the Anatole, owned by one of developer Trammell Crow's companies, have said they are equipped to handle the special arrangements necessary for a head of state.

The Anatole is building a "presidential suite" into the 25-story, 720-room addition it hopes to complete by January. A hotel spokesman said the suite will be equipped with special communications and security equipment.

Hyatt spokesmen, too, say their hotel is equipped for presidential visits, noting that Reagan stayed in the Hyatt during the 1980 campaign.

Charles Bass, director of the Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau, said a hotel gets a large boost in prestige from the distinction as presidential hotel for a high-visibility event like the convention.

" t's lik to me having the President stay in m " said Bass, "They can put a picture on the wall and that then become the presidential suite. They can use that ract, telling clients that the 'president stayed here."

Meeting and Convention Office 06/01/83

PROPOSED BUDGET

1984 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

SITE COMMITTEE \$19,810.00							
	Total	19,810.00					
ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE							
Subcommittees Eadges and Tickets Housing News Media Program Planning Transportation Security Entertainment Decorations VIP Host Special Events Youth Activities	160,000.00 30,000.00 600,000.00 400,000.00 40,000.00 50,000.00 500,000.00 12,000.00 -0- 20,000.00						
	Total	1,889,000.00					
Other Expenses							
Legal Services Counsel	150,000.00 5,000.00						
	Total	155,000.00					
CONVENTION COMMITTEES							
Committee on Credentials Committee on Resolutions	6,000.00						
Platform Committee on Rules and	170,000.00						
Order of Business	60,000.00						
Committee on Permanent Organization	4,000.00						
	Total	240,000.00					

CONVENTION STAFF

Consultants and Professional Services Convention Comptroller Convention Director Convention Manager Staff Salaries/Per Diem/ Reimbursements	100,000.00 6,000.00 58,000.00 162,000.00	
	Total	486,000.00
CONVENTION OFFICERS	10001	100,000,00
CONVENTION OFFICERS		
Convention Secretary Sergeant at Arms	5,000.00 3,000.00	
	Total	8,000.00
CONVENTION OPERATIONS		
Official Printing Security and Ushers Official Reporters Insurance	180,000.00 200,000.00 35,000.00	
	Total	415,000.00
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE		
Meetings/Catering Chairman Co-Chairman Hotel/Hotel Services/ HQT Hotel	150,000.00 1,500.00 1,300.00 300,000.00	
	Total	452,800.00
COMMUNICATIONS		
Telephone Consultants	200,000.00	
	Total	210,000.00
CONVENTION HALL		
Construction Engineering Consultants Lighting	1,000,000.00 150,000.00 -0+	
	Total	1,150,000.00

PROPOSED BUDGET OUTLINE

1984 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

SITE COMMITTEE	\$19,810.00
ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE	
Subcommittees Badges and Tickets Housing News Media Program Planning Transportation Security Entertainment Decorations VIP Host Special Events Youth Activities	160,000.00 30,000.00 600,000.00 400,000.00 40,000.00 67,000.00 50,000.00 12,000.00 -0- 20,000.00 10,000.00
Sub Total	1,889,000.00
LEGAL SERVICES	155,000.00
CONVENTION COMMITTEES	240,000.00
CONVENTION STAFF	486,000.00
CONVENTION OFFICERS	8,000.00
CONVENTION OPERATIONS	415,000.00
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE	452,800.00
COMMUNICATIONS	210,000.00
CONVENTION HALL	1,150,000.00
PRESS COORDINATION	300,000.00
OTHER EXPENSES	391,900.00
Sub Total	5,717,510.00
CONTINGENCY	282,490.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 6,000,000.00

PRESS COORDINATION

300,000.00

	Total	300,000.00
OTHER EXPENSES		
Petty Cash Postage/Delivery Charges Taxes/Withholding Supplies/Equipment/Service	900.0 5,000.0 86,000.0 es 300,000.0	0
	Total	391,900.00
	Sub Total	\$ 5,717,510.00
CONTINGENCY		282,490.00
	GRAND TOTAL	\$6,000,000.00

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Tentative Timetable for Planning the 1984 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

June 1, 1983	Request FEC Entitlement
June 9, 1983	Meeting of full Committee on Arrangements
June 11, 1983	Meeting of Committee on Call.
	Committee on Contests is selected. RNC Chairman names Chairman of Committee on Contests.
July 1, 1983	(Tent.) Receive FEC Entitlement
October, 1983 in Dallas	Arrangements Committee Meeting
	Executive Committee of the Committee on Arrangements and representatives of the news media (Daily Press, Periodical Press, Radio-TV, Photographic Press) to receive requirements considered necessary by the news media to adequately cover the Convention.
October 10, 1983	File First Quarterly FEC Report (FEC Form 4—Report of Receipts and Disbursements)
November, 1983	Call of the 1984 Republican National Convention mailed according to the instructions contained in the call.
November, 1983	State Housing Chairman designated/State Transportation Chairman designated.
January, 1984	State Delegation and News Media Housing allocated
January, 1984	Meeting of full Committee on Arrangements

April 10, 1984 File Quarterly FEC Report of Receipts and Disbursements Meeting of full Committee on Arrangements May, 1984 Selection of Temporary Officers of Convention by the Committee on Arrangements Chairman, Permanent Chairman, Keynote Speaker, Parliamentarian, Secretary, Chief Reading Clerk, Chief Sergeant at Arms, etc.) Meeting of Committee on Rules Second (if meeting was held in January, 1984; otherwise first meeting) of Committee on Contests May, 1984 Meeting of Republican National Committee Republican National Committee to act on the selection of Temporary Officers of the Convention Convention Committee (the on Permanent Organization acts on all of these Officers except the Temporary Chairman who is recommended by the Republican National Committee and elected by the delegates to the Convention at the first session. Convention Center Rooms S-307 and S-308 available May 1, 1984 for Transportation Office, Security Office, (Press Office?) June, 1984 Award contract for official reporting June 11, 1984 Unlimited access--Media workspace, Level 2 Exhibit Space and North Hall Television networks secure unlimited access to prime working area off convention floor July, 1984 Announce program of Convention (time schedule and most participants) July, 1984 Additional news media operations staff to arrive in Dallas July, 1984 Other key personnel directly involved in preparations for Convention to arrive in Dallas (last week) (Platform Committee staff, Chief Page and Assistant, etc.) File Quarterly FEC Report of Receipts and July 10, 1984 Disbursements July 17, 1984 Unlimited access to main area of Convention Hall (East Exhibit Hall and Center Exhibit Hall) Levels 3 and 4 to begin construction of anchor and radio booths, podium, press seats, camera

stands

Agreement on Theme of Convention (The theme must be set before any bids can be requested for decorations, tickets, badges, or printed programs.)

Meeting of Committee on Rules

First meeting of Committee on Contests
(No work can come before this Committee until the Certification of Delegates has started. This meeting will be devoted to a review of the purpose of the Committee and the procedure to be followed.)

January, 1984

Meeting of the Republican National Committee

Chairman to announce appointment of the Temporary Chairman and other officers of the Resolutions Committee (this is the committee which does the preliminary work on the platform to be presented to the 1984 Convention)

January, 1984

Media negotiations finalized concerning such matters as (1) location of camera stands; (2) number of seats allocated; (3) location of seats; (4) location of radio booths; (5) space allocated in headquarter hotel; (6) allocation of Convention Center work space; (7) sleeping room allocation headquarter hotels; (8) allocation of parking spaces; (9) other arrangements.

January 19, 1984

File Quarterly FEC Report of Receipts and Disbursements

February, 1984

Platform Committee may start traveling Open Convention Headquarters offices in Convention City with preliminary staff.

February, 1984

Send out requests for bids for printing of tickets

Send out requests for bids on manufacture of badges

Send out requests for bids on decoration of Convention Hall

Send out requests for bids on official reporting of Convention Committees and Convention

February 1, 1984

Office space available for RNC Convention Office in Dallas Convention Center (S-303 through S-306)

March, 1984

Award contracts for printing of tickets, for decoration of Convention Hall and for manufacture of badges.

April, 1984

Meeting of Executive Committee of Committee on Arrangements

July 17, 1984	All but 15 Series N-200 Rooms (21)total of 36 N-Series Rooms, E 401-408 on Level 4 (VIP Suites) available
July 17, 1984	Convention Hall is available to start setting up all Convention floor seating
August, 1984 (1st week)	Chairman of Republican National Committee and immediate staff to arrive in Dallas
August 6, 1984	Unlimited access to entire Convention Center
August 11, 1984	Begin orientation of special Pages and security personnel
August 12-15, 1984	Remaining personnel with some function to perform at the Convention, but not directly concerned with the preparations of the Convention, to arrive in Dallas

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mike Deaver

FR: Rick Shelby RS

DT: May 24, 1983

RE: Convention Update

Plans for the 1984 Republican National Convention continue to progress well and at this point there are no apparent problems of any significance. Considerable time has been devoted to meetings with those individuals who have functioned in substantive roles in the three most recent conventions in an effort to determine what has and hasn't worked. It is understood that no two conventions are exactly alike and that therefore, in all probability, it would not be wise to pattern any given event or activity after those developed incident to previous conventions. However, a review of the past is helpful from a standpoint of orientation and should constitute a point of departure so far as discussions relating to the planning of the 84 Convention are concerned.

Application for federal funds will be made on June 1, 1983 and barring something unforeseen should be received sometime during the first week of July. Although we are not certain exactly how much money we will receive it is expected to be approximately \$6,000,000. We have predicted our initial budget projections on the \$6,000,000 figure. Our tentative budget is enclosed. (Again, I would emphasize that this budget projection is extremely tenta-

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tive and merely constitutes a basis for discussion.) The Dallas Convention Fund will provide an additional \$3,900,000 to help subsidize the cost of the convention. Approximately \$500,000 of this latter amount has been raised thus far in either cash or pledges. No serious problems are anticipated in the solicitation of these funds. The project is being headed by Trammell Crow.

As you know, the Arrangements Committee of the RNC is charged with the responsibility of planning and directing the National Convention and is comprised of at least one National Committee member from each state. That committee has met twice thus far and will be meeting again in Dallas on June 9th. I have enclosed an updated list of the Committee members for your information. Ernie Angelo and Trudy McDonald continue to function effectively as Chairman and Vice Chairman of that Committee respectively.

Over the course of the past three months we have also been able to establish liaison with the Dallas Welcoming Committee, the Republican Host Committee, and the Mayor's Coordinating Committee, meeting with them on a regular monthly basis.

The Dallas Welcoming Committee is being chaired by Mr.

Dave Fox, a local developer, and is charged with the responsibility of insuring that the City is portrayed in the most favorable light possible by the various reporters and media

representatives who will be in Dallas in conjunction with the Convention. The principal goal of the Committee is to make people aware of the evolving international character of Dallas as well as the fact that the City is emerging as the cultural center of the southwestern United States. Although they have not yet made a final decision, they are contemplating adoption of the theme - "Dallas - People, Pride, Prosperity". This Committee will be funded by the Dallas Convention Fund and will have a budget of approximately \$500,000, which will be allocated from the Dallas Convention Fund.

The Republican Host Committee is headed by Fred Meyer, Executive Vice President of the Tyler Corporation and Dallas County GOP Chairman. The primary responsibility of this Committee is to meet the needs of the delegates and alternate delegates to the Convention and to insure that they leave Dallas following the culmination of the convention with a favorable impression of the City. This Committee will also have a budget of \$500,000 which will be raised separately by the Committee from private citizens. The Committee's goal is to raise \$10,000 from fifty different individuals.

The Mayor's Coordinating Committee is comprised of City officials, representatives of the Dallas Convention Bureau, and the Chairmen of the Dallas Welcoming Committee and the Republican Host Committee, as well as the Director of the

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Committee which has been organized to raise the \$3,900,000 for the Dallas Convention Fund. This Committee, as its name implies, provides a mechanism through which the Mayor can coordinate the activities of the various committees which have been organized within the City to assist with the conduct of the Convention.

Planning relevant to the arrangement of the Convention Center itself and design of the podium have progressed in that we have now had an opportunity to visit with all the potential vendor companies we have discussed with the exception of the representatives from Disney Productions. One negative development of some note is that the completion date for the new wing of the Convention Center has slipped one month to April 1, 1984. However, this should have no material effect upon our activity due to the fact that we do not gain access to that part of the facility until late summer. Beginning the latter part of next month we will begin to interview companies capable of providing us with the technical expertise required in the related areas of lighting, sound and acoustics. Moreover, within the next week we should have an estimate relevant to what it will cost to remove the concrete curtains from the N-series room overlooking the Convention floor. (These rooms will hopefully be used as sky booths for the First Family, dignitaries, major contributors, etc.)

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We have had extensive contact with the media although we have had only one formal meeting. Another meeting is scheduled with the network representatives in New York during the first week of June. The purpose of this meeting will be to solicit information relevant to the needs of the various networks relating to work space within the hall, and to discuss their views concerning the possible locations of their respective anchor booths. Obviously, this is only an initial discussion and no final decisions will be made.

Somewhat of a problem has developed in conjunction with the City's agreement with Southwestern Bell. The dispute to a large extent hinges upon a number of technical questions, such as what constitutes centrex service. The crux of the dispute however, so far as we are concerned, is whether or not Bell will be permitted to institute and charge a special tariff to help them subsidize whatever extraordinary costs accrue to the company incident to providing expanded service to the Convention. Based upon the letter of agreement the City received from Bell prior to consummation of the Site City Agreement, it is our feeling that this tariff can either be avoided totally or at least greatly minimized. Again, technically this is a dispute between the City of Dallas and Southwestern Bell. Our relationship with the telephone company is good (although we are definitely allied with the City relevant to the question in point) and we are working closely with them on the development of our needs.

In the area of communications exclusive of telephones which I have already discussed, there are two points of note. One, we have designated Compucorp, a California-based corporation, as the official word processing company for the convention in return for their commitment to avail to us free of charge as many as 30 state-of-the-art word processors. Obviously, this should greatly facilitate our work. Included in the proposal were word processors for use by the White House, if desired. A representative of the company will be in town during the week of June 13th and will be available to discuss this matter with the appropriate White House official, if necessary. Secondly, we are now in the process of exploring with a Texas company the possible utilization of an internal communications system which would afford us the capability of communicating with all fifty-four delegations simultaneously (even though we might be sending them different messages) through use of monitors which would be located within each delegation I believe utilization of these two systems, assuming these plans come to fruition, offers us interesting potential not only from the standpoint of expediting the work of the Convention, but also because in a very subtle way it emphasizes the sensitivity of the Administration to the high-tech issue and the employment opportunities it creates for working Americans.

Significant progress has been made in the procurement of hotel space. To date we have contract commitments with 96

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hotels representing a collective commitment of 18,494 rooms. This is still somewhat short of our goal of 24,000 rooms, but we do not anticipate any significant problems so far as retention of the additional space is concerned, in that we are still awaiting contracts from twenty hotels representing 4715 rooms collectively. This will leave us less than 800 rooms from our goal. No actual state assignments have been made as of yet. Likewise, we have not yet commenced negotiations with the prospective Headquarters Hotels, although we are prepared to do so once we receive the outline of White House needs from Bill Hinkle.

In the area of transportation there is little of note.

We have met on two occasions with the City transportation officials to discuss traffic patterns, establishment of a shuttle bus service, etc., but no definitive decisions have thus far been made. The transportation sub-committee is scheduled to meet with City officials on June 9th in conjunction with the RNC meeting. Once that meeting has been held we should be able to move forward on most major questions. On a related matter, the National Committee has designated American Airlines as the official carrier for the Convention in return for reduced rates for all those attending the Convention. There was further consideration afforded the RNC that I will be happy to discuss with you, should you have an interest in doing so.

In regard to security, considerable progress has been made. We have had extensive meetings with both the Secret Service and

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the local Police Department and, at this point, I don't foresee any particular problems. The Secret Service has provided us with a summary of their projected needs for space within the Convention Center as well as for hotel space. Their request does not seem to be excessive and I think we should be able to accomodate their needs without too much difficulty. disputed question which has arisen to date concerns whether or not a barricade fence should be built around the entire Convention facility. The Police Department is anxious to do this; I personally have some reservations about committing to do this at such an early juncture without any apparent reason (other than general security) for doing so, in that it creates a somewhat negative external perception. Obviously, if in the spring of next year it appears that there will be massive demonstrations, it becomes an altogether different proposition. have begun to discuss ways in which the fence could be made to appear as unobtrusive as possible, should it ultimately be determined that there is a need for it. We would appreciate any thoughts you have relevant to this matter.

Very little attention has been given to the program at this point as we clearly need direction from the White House before making any definitive decisions. The Senatorial Campaign Committee, the Congressional Campaign Committee, and the RGA have all been contacted and asked to make recommendations relevant to which of their officials should be included in the pro-

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gram format. Also, realizing that in all probability alternate programming will be a critically important element of this convention, we have organized a small group which will be directed by Bill Timmons to begin discussing possible programming ideas. Both Dave Gergen and Mike McManus are included in this group.

One final point that I should raise relates to consultants. At this point we would like to move forward on retaining someone to serve as our liaison with the press and another to work with the networks. I believe Mike McManus has discussed this point with you, and again we would appreciate any input that you might have relative to the personalities involved.

I believe the foregoing provides what for the most part is a comprehensive overview of our present activities. Obviously, we will be anxious to answer whatever additional questions you might have.

RDS/rsm Enclosures: 2