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MEMO TO: For the Record

FROM: Donald L. Fowler *D/LF*

RE: Meeting with New York State Political People on August 30

DATE: September 7, 1995

At the meeting convened by Chairs Judith Hope and John Sullivan, we had about 20 politically significant people. A complete list of those attending is attached. Among the more important comments were the following:

1. Congressman Charles Rangel insisted on beginning a specific, directed voter registration in the African-American/Latino communities. He was joined in this by Roberta Ramirez, the leader in the Bronx.
2. Congressman Rangel and Congressman Tom Manton both insisted that we be more upbeat in conducting our business.
3. Arthur Eve indicated that we need to be more effective in delivering the message. He agrees that we have a good record, but we haven't done a very good job in explaining it. He suggested we identify some key people, have meetings across the state and get them to help us spread the word.
4. Denny Farrell indicated that the Democratic performance in the upstate in 1994 was very bad. We have to do better both in the City and in the Upstate in order to win in 1996. Normally a 500,000 vote margin in the City wins statewide, but in 1994, Democrats produced a 600,000 vote margin in the City, but still lost because of the poor performance in the Upstate.
5. Dennis Hughes said we are late getting started with our voter registration effort and the New York State Party needs an executive director in the immediate future.

6. Eileen Dugan said we have to work not only for the presidential campaign, but also for the Party at the assembly district level. One thing that needs to be done is to identify good candidates and provide them with a good campaign apparatus.
7. Dick Fafalia suggested that we get local input before we make television buys. He was particularly critical of the buy made on the Medicare question. I told him that was difficult to do, but if he had suggestions he should send them to us and we will try to incorporate them into future television buys.
8. Kate Lacey said we need to build the Party all over the state. We cannot suffer losses in the Upstate as we did in 1994 and hope to win anything.
9. Delegate selection process begins in October/November. Immediate preparations need to be made now.

It was a good meeting, but a great deal needs to be done in the immediate future to build an effective state operation.

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cc: Harold Ickes ✓
Doug Sosnik
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MEMORANDUM

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DETERMINED TO BE AN ADMINISTRATIVE

DATE: August 28, 1995

MARKING INITIALS: MI DATE: 9/22/95

TO: Chairman Don Fowler

2024-0267-5

FROM: State Chair Judith Hope

RE: New York City Meeting
 Wednesday, August 30th - 9AM
 24th floor conference room 2418 - Paul, Weiss, Rifkin et al
 1285 Avenue of the Americas

 This meeting has been billed as "a small meeting to discuss preliminary planning for the 1996 presidential race." I have invited principals, i.e., individuals who either: A) are political leaders by virtue of the public office held, or B) will be actively involved in campaigns for their own interests in 1996. Since those in the second category will be raising and spending campaign dollars, and actively engaged in their own campaigns in '96, it is important to create a mechanism for communication and cooperation in order to advance the Coordinated Campaign.

I foresee the need for periodic meetings of this nature, with the plan to expand the circle of participants with each meeting.

As for organized labor, I have invited only representatives of the AFL-CIO leadership to this initial meeting because Chairman Fowler will be meeting with the full Labor Advisory Committee after he speaks to the New York State Committee Meeting on September 5th. in Syracuse. I have also invited Jay Mazur (UNITE) because he is a trusted friend of the administration and should be considered a "senior adviser" to the Clinton Campaign in New York.

Attending the Meeting will be:

Speaker Sheldon Silver - Speaker Silver was first elected to the State Assembly in 1976 representing the residents of the Lower East Side of Manhattan. He has been re-elected by substantial margins every election since then, and was elected Speaker on February 11, 1994. He has inherited the tacit leadership of the state democratic

party since the party no longer has the governor's seat. Democrats control the State Assembly by a margin of 94 to 53 Republicans, with three vacancies.

Gerry Harper - Counsel to the New York State Committee and our host for this meeting at his law firm: Paul, Weiss, Rifkin

Suzy Ballantyne - Political Director NY State AFL-CIO (President Ed Cleary is unable to attend and is sending Suzy Ballantyne and Dennis Hughes.) Suzy is a knowledgeable, experienced campaign person in all geographical areas of New York State.

Henry Berger - Acting as Counsel to the Clinton Campaign (per instructions from Jennifer O'Connor).

Billy Cunningham - Chief of Staff to US Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Arthur Eve - Senior Assemblyman from Buffalo. Highly influential in African-American community. Greatly respected for political judgment. Father of White House Aide Eric Eve.

Dick Farfalla - Effectively the "Political Director" for NY Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver. Although he is on the State Assembly payroll, during off-hours he directs the activities of the paid staff of the Democratic Assembly Campaign Committee. This committee is probably the best financed, best equipped, and most effective Democratic political committee in New York State at this point in time. The committee exists pursuant to the bylaws of the Democratic State Committee, but following the loss of Governor Cuomo in '94, the transfer of political power to the State Assembly and to Speaker Silver has, in fact, strengthened this committee.

In 1996, the entire State Legislature will be up for re-election. The State Assembly is the last bastion of Democratic majority in state government. Republican State Chairman Bill Powers has announced his intention to spend whatever it takes to win the majority in the State Assembly and has been raising millions of dollars, already, to accomplish this objective. In the past, people associated with DACC have expressed some concern over sharing the Democratic ticket with President Bill Clinton.

Herman Farrell, Jr. - "Denny" Farrell is Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee of the NYS Assembly, a powerful and prestigious position. He is a trusted political adviser to Speaker Silver.

Jeff Feldman - Council to the Kings County Democratic Committee (Brooklyn) which has a sizable percentage of the four million registered Democrats in New York State. He is here representing Kings County Democratic Chair Clarence Norman who is on vacation.

Dennis Hughes - Chief Aide to AFL-CIO President Ed Cleary.

Carl Kruger - State Senator Kruger from Brooklyn is Chair of the State Senate Campaign Committee. Minority Leader Marty Connor is unable to attend this meeting but would like to be included in the future. The Republican Party controls the state senate by a margin of 37 to 24.

David A. Paterson - State Senator Paterson from Harlem and the Upper West Side is the son of former Secretary of State Basil Paterson. African-American and legally blind, Senator Paterson is greatly respected for his intelligence, hard work, and integrity. He is a major leader in the New York African-American community.

Kate Lacey - Governmental Aide and political adviser to State Comptroller Carl McCall. Former campaign aide to Geraldine Ferraro. Knowledgeable about upstate politics.

Jay Mazur - The "Senior Statesman" of the New York labor community. Highly regarded and respected by all segments of labor. Trusted advisor to Harold Ickes.

Roberto Ramirez - A member of the state assembly and Chairman of the Bronx County Democratic Party. An energetic and very effective political leader. He will be elected to the DNC at the September 5th State Committee meeting.

Judy Rapfogel - Chief of Staff to Speaker Sheldon Silver, she has worked for the Speaker for over sixteen years and is his highly trusted chief aide. Knowledgeable about New York City politics, particularly the lower east side, the Speaker's district.

Attached is a complete attendance sheet.

August 30 Don Fowler Meeting

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	A	B	Fax #	Phone #	Will	Attend	Will	Not
1	Last Name	First				✓		
2	Ballantyne	Suzy	518-436-6901	518-436-8516		✓		
3	Bierger	Henry	514-9016	514-8888				✓
4	Bloom	Mark	417-5530	212-447-5545				
5	Bragman	Michael	315-452-0872	315-452-1044				✓
6	Cleary	Ed		212-777-6040		✓		
7	Cohen	David	staff					✓
8	Connor	Marty		212-447-5545				
9	Cunningham	Billy	518-439-0257	518-439-9544		✓		
10	Dugan	Eileen	718-237-5908	718-876-2311				
11	Eve	Arthur	716-895-2484	716-892-7981		✓		
12	Farfalia	Dick		518-455-5767		✓		
13	Farrell	Denny	385-6668	385-6791		✓		
14	Feldman	Jeff	718-596-4013	718-875-6870		✓		
15	Harper	Gerry				✓		
16	Hughes	Dennie	212-777-8422	518-436-8516		✓		
17	Kruger	Carl	718-743-5958	718-743-8610		✓		
18	Lacey	Kate	518-473-8940	518-474-0364		✓		
19	Manton	Tom	718-472-0489	718-706-1400				
20	Mazur	Jay	212-315-3803	212-265-7000		✓		
21	McCabe	Kevin	212-788-7126	212-788-7210				
22	McCall	Carl	618-474-4040	518-473-3004				✓
23	McLoughlin	Brian	718-762-0917	718-762-6575				
24	Norman	Clarence	718-778-3010	718-875-5870				✓
25	Paterson	David	212-678-0001			✓		
26	Ramirez	Roberto	718-792-3882	718-931-5200		✓		
27	Rangel	Charlie	212-663-4277	212-663-3900				
28	Rapfogel	Judy	212-385-6619	385-6611		✓		
29	Silver	Speaker	212-385-6619	385-6611		✓		
30	Sullivan	John	315-343-1097	315-343-2742		✓		
31	Valone	Peter	788-7207	212-788-7210				