

Q. Governor, there is then a possibility that you and the delegation might choose Mr. Nixon?

A. Oh, I'd say there is a possibility that we might choose Mr. Nixon, yes.

Q. More of a possibility than there was before March 21st?

A. Well, there wasn't much of a possibility at that time because I hadn't even considered that I would go to the convention as more than a delegate.

Q. Governor, you say you are going to hold several conferences with Nixon and Rockefeller as well as several who are not announced. Who did you have in mind?

A. Well, I think there are some sleepers around and I think they'd better make their own announcements. Certainly, Mr. Reagan has been talked about and there are others, who may not have reached that same degree of speculation as Mr. Reagan has reached, but they will probably be emerging as potentials in the coming months.

Q. How about Senator Percy? Have you discussed this with him?

A. No, I haven't.

Q. Will your role be to wake up some of these sleepers as you tried to do with Rockefeller?

A. Not necessarily. If I decide to accept the Favorite Son posture, which basically, as everyone very frankly admits is a holding position in a constantly changing situation, then I don't think I will take an active part dredging up new candidates. I want to say one thing I think is very important here. The situation in this country in the past month has made some very dramatic changes. I sense a change and a concern in the electorate. I sense that the candidates are responsive to this change because of the very important statements that are being issued one on top of another. And I feel compelled to look very carefully at these statements before I make a decision as to where I am going to try to throw whatever influence I can have in this election.

Q. Governor, do you still maintain that you have no ambitions at all on the national scene?

A. No, I have no personal ambitions on the national scene.

Q. Governor, on reflection of the one-time Rockefeller situation, that he was available for a draft, are you available for a draft for the second place?