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MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Thomas E. Stephens
Secretary to the President
The White House

Those meeting with the President at 9:30 this morning are Governor Heintzleman, Alaska, Mr. Bartlett, Democratic Delegate from Alaska, and a group of Alaskans who have come here in the interest of statehood, some of whom are members of the Alaska Legislature.

For political and other reasons much criticism has been heaped upon Governor Heintzleman for the suggestion he made with respect to statehood for a portion of the Territory.

It would be most helpful to Governor Heintzleman and the Republican Party if the President made a few complimentary remarks to the delegation concerning the Governor's activities.

Orme Lewis
Assistant Secretary