

Mark Andrews

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Bill Wright greeted me as "my old travelling buddy."

When he told Mark I was there, Mark was still talking about how I never saw real good farm land! Bill says that at least 6 times after I left he said that he wished that I could have seen that land--in the valley, mostly.

He had huge painted sign over the desk on the wall. "Welcome Senator"

\_\_\_\_\_ Mark said they sent it from N.D.

Any changes? "It's a different life style--entirely different. It's amazing. My calls get answered much more quickly now. And I've been a snior member of the Appropriations Committee. I've been on that committee much longer than Mark Hatfield has been on the Senate Appropriations Committee. But he's a Senator. I'm meeting with the Reagan transition team. Tomorrow I'm boing to dinner with the President-elect. Everything changes--just that quickly."

Talked about an opera singer for Cleveland, N.D. who offered his services to Mark and he sang at 3 rallies. One of them was in Lehr and he talked abbout how they hung from the rafters and how some party leader named Riley got up and talked about "niggers" and how the Metropolitan Opera Singer nearly dropped. Said 'that's Lehr' and wished I had been there. He brought home some Kuchen for his wife, etc.

Said N.D. campaigns get loose toward the end and several times said I should have seen this or that. Gave me 2 typical counties and their results. He got biggest vote of any statewide candidate ever.

Committees. "I've done my maneuvering. You can't maneuver. It's a rigid system. (He took out the seniority list and the rules and gave 'em to me). If any of these people ahead of me change their committees, it affects

what I get. I'd like Finance to get something different. But since I've been on Appropriations for \_\_\_ years, I don't think I could get away with leaving Appropriations. So I guess I'll take Appropriations."

Harold Shafer and his wife are going with them to Greenbrier for vacation over Thanksgiving.

Talked on phone most of time to Shaffers--to daughter Sarah--and generally sat there looking at pile of congratulations and voting statistics from various counties. He's in limbo and taking it easy.

Bot his and Quayle's staff see next few weeks as pain with changing offices. They figure next 2 months will be very unsettled for them, that they may have to move offices several times.

I met Scott Hove, Bill's assistant, who was the campaign issues man. He was in Fargo during the election. He's been with MA about a year and a half.

Mark said to come back any time and use facilities, that "we think of you as an extended member of the staff."