

The Nixon Now Script

MIAMI BEACH — (CST) — The suspicion that the Republican convention has been carefully scripted down to the last minute was confirmed when the minute-by-minute plan for yesterday evening was discovered by a British newsman.

The document was the TelePrompter script, which detailed the time that demonstrations and other manifestations of gaiety were to take place.

The script even suggested, hours in advance, that Rep. Gerald Ford of Michigan, the convention's permanent chairman, should break off his announcement of the President's nomination in mid-sentence as delegates and spectators allowed their feelings to run at full spate.

BBC Gets Copy

Charles Wheeler, correspondent of the British Broadcasting Corp., said the script was delivered to his office in the convention hall by mistake, along with other releases from the Republican National Committee.

A little while later, three national committee workers came to the office and asked him to return it. By that time, he said, he was midway through writing a sto-

ry about it and declined to give it back.

He said a woman worker tried unsuccessfully to take it from him forcibly.

The script called for a roll call of the states to take place after initial formalities were dispensed with during the evening session.

Minute by Minute

Then, at 9:39 p.m., the state of New York would be recognized. By 9:43, Gov. Nelson Rockefeller would be at the speaker's platform and nominating and seconding speeches would take place.

According to the document, the roll call would go alphabetically until the voting got to Missouri, when Mr. Nixon would have topped the 657 mark in delegate votes. Then:

"10:13 — Demonstration for the nomination of the President."

After that, the roll call would continue, the script said. "10:30-10:33 — Ford: Would the delegates please come to order? The vote of all the delegates has been recorded. I am informed that . . .

"Demonstration — 'Nixon Now!' (Balloon drop)."