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REAGAN after eating grapes at press conference:

02:13 ...there is no grape strike. No one's been able to find anyone picketing in the vineyards who ever worked in them. And the only contracts that were signed were signed between Mr. Chavez' union, and a few wineries that signed up under the coercion of his threats of boycott. The workers in those areas were never given a chance to voluntarily choose whether they wanted him to be their bargaining agent or not. And now there are several organizations that have been formed, of thousands of workers in the vineyards, in protest against him who want no part of him as a bargaining agent. So there is no strike. And the grape boycott is a failure. And I think what we all have to keep in mind is that the grape boycott's just the first domino in the whole series. If they should succeed with this illegal and immoral maneuver, they then move through the agricultural community of California. And if they were really moving into an area where there was a humanitarian need and they had to correct some evils, then why did they pick California? Secretary of Labor...

REAGAN, at presidential campaign press conference:

04:18 Well, in the first place, there is no strike. There is a man named Cesar Chavez, with an organization, and he finally made an alliance with the United

Farm Workers union of the AFL - CIO, granted him a charter as he is the representative of that Farm Workers Union. He is trying to organize the farm workers of California, which happens to be the leading agricultural state in the nation. We supply 40% of all the table vegetables and fruit that go on the tables of America. Um, he's going at it backward, and I say this from 25 years as an officer of a labor union. I was six times President of my own union. You organize a union by going to the workers themselves, and they choose voluntarily the organization they want, the group they want to belong to that they believe will represent them in securing the best in wages and working conditions. Cesar Chavez has sought to go over the heads of the workers to management, and by coercion and threat and demonstration and so forth, by his grape boycott, "don't buy grapes" attitude, he has sought to get them to sign a contract in which management recognizes him as the representative bargaining agent, and then all the workers in order to get a job, will have to join his union. And tens of thousands of them, and strangely enough tens of thousands of them who are Americans of Mexican descent, refuse to join his union. He secured contracts with two management groups. The DiGiorgio Farms and uh, vineyards that were owned by the Schenley Company, the great liquor...

SEVERAL SHORT SEGMENTS OF REAGAN IN LONG SHOT, N/A.

TEAMSTER ORGANIZER at Teamster Fiesta:

07:55 I did not find Delano an unfriendly community. I think the people of Delano are people who are very proud of what they do and where they live. And that's

how it should be. We only hope that we can also become part of this community and do a fair job of representing people who do need representation.

CESAR CHAVEZ interviewed:

08:38 Uh, to those of us here it's very, very clear that they came at the invitation of the corporation. It was at that point where we had DiGiorgio in trouble that they came and they began to organize behind our picket lines with the assistance of the uh, DiGiorgio Corporation supervisors.

TEAMSTER ORGANIZER interviewed in field:

08:57 REPORTER: Did the DiGiorgio Corporation invite you in?

08:59 TEAMSTER ORG: No the DiGiorgio Corporation themselves didn't invite us into the situation, but the employees of the DiGiorgio Corporation certainly did.

DOLORES HUERTA talks to angry workers:

10:26 Well let me explain it, like the Schenley workers. The Schenley workers out there, they're happy, they got a ...[No they're not!] ...Sure they are. Oh...

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