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+ BY: 1200 PM THURSDAY 22 MAY 80 +
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MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 19, 1980

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: HENRY OWEN *HO*
SUBJECT: A Summit Initiative (U)

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You said at Camp David that you wanted to receive more ideas that had not been watered down by the clearance process. Here is one idea that has been growing on me lately, and that I have discussed with State (Dick Cooper) and STR (Bob Hormats): You would propose, at or shortly after the Venice Summit, international negotiations looking to a world-wide common market in autos and auto parts, comparable to the one we now have in Canada. (C)

The advantage of such a common market is that it would bring other countries' barriers against auto imports down to the level of our own, which are very low. (C)

The disadvantage is that the Europeans and the LDCs, who have the highest barriers, would object. (C)

To overcome this disadvantage we would have to:

-- concede that the reductions in barriers should be phased in over a period of time -- and that there should be special provision for infant industries in LDCs;

-- warn that unless bona fide negotiations regarding this common market were soon launched, pressures for raising US barriers against auto imports to the same level as those of other countries would be increasingly difficult to resist. (C)

The mere fact of your having made this bold proposal would show the American people that you are determined to achieve equality between the way US and foreign auto industries are treated in respect of trade barriers. The proposal would also help to deflect pressures for immediate US protectionist measures, while these international negotiations were being prepared and carried out. (C)

We should not make this proposal publicly to other countries, however, unless there is some prospect of negotiations for a common market being undertaken. You could sound out the other heads of government quietly at the Summit -- indicating that the alternative to moving toward a world automobile industry is to have a series of national automobile industries, producing inefficiently behind trade barriers. You could warn that if we can't go the first route, the US -- no less than others -- will be driven toward the second option. (C)

I have asked STR to staff this out. I will keep you informed. (U)

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Review on May 19, 1986

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 2, 1980

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NOTE TO: HENRY OWEN

FROM: STU EIZENSTAT *Stu*

SUBJECT: Your Suggestion that the President Propose
a World-Wide Common Market in Autos and
Auto Parts

Your suggestion raises a number of questions and concerns in my mind:

1. If the President made your proposal, isn't it likely that he would be rebuffed by the Europeans? I understand that the U.S. tabled a similar proposal in the MTN negotiations and it was rejected out of hand by the Europeans. I assume that their concern is primarily with Japanese imports and that they would not want to take on the Japanese in an unprotected market.
2. Wouldn't the likely effect of a world-wide common market in autos be to accelerate the Japanese penetration of all foreign auto markets (including the U.S.) and establish clear Japanese supremacy in the world-wide auto trade?
3. A potentially serious side effect of such a common market could well be a substantial reduction in the overall profitability of U.S. automakers which have operations in Europe. For example, Ford is significantly dependent on its European operations for profit, and I doubt that Ford would want to face intensified Japanese competition in those markets.
4. The implicit threat of increased U.S. protectionism as a bargaining club could become self-fulfilling prophesy (with serious adverse consequences for our inflation and energy policies) because: (a) the common market proposal is unlikely to be accepted, thereby increasing domestic political pressure to use the club; and (b) substantial segments of the domestic industry would probably prefer a protected U.S. market over an unprotected "world" market in any case.

The likelihood of rejection and the other difficult issues raised above seem to me to mitigate against going forward with this proposal. What do you think?

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 2, 1980



TO: The President

FROM: Frank Moore *FM*

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TUESDAY, MAY 20, 1980

Gonzalez Cites Hispanic Gains Under Carter

Special to The Light

WASHINGTON — President Carter has appointed more Hispanics to government posts than all other presidents before him, U.S. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez said in what he called a statement "setting the record straight."

Taking exception to criticism of Carter in comments attributed to Mexican-American leaders during weekend conferences in San Antonio, Gonzalez said Monday it is "not fair" to Carter to deny him credit for what he has done.

Gonzalez, noting he is opposed to "showcase appointments," said Carter has steadily named Mexican-Americans to posts at sub-Cabinet and departmental levels.

"I don't like labels," Gonzalez said, "but in point of numbers, Carter has appointed more Mexican-Americans, Hispanics, whatever you want to call them, to upper and top level jobs — including the secretary of the Navy and the ambassador to Mexico — than all of the presidents, from George Washington to Gerald Ford."

Gonzalez, invited by Carter to attend a briefing Monday night on economic matters, said he planned to tell the president "something's wrong with his PR because he's not getting the credit."

John F. Kennedy was the first national figure to address the prob-

lem of equal opportunities for Mexican-Americans "and he did what he could," Gonzalez said.

"Nixon didn't do badly at all" Gonzalez said, adding that he was criticized for opposing Nixon's plan to create a committee on the Spanish-speaking, which the congressman told Nixon he felt would become "a third-rate Bureau of Indian Affairs."

Instead, Gonzalez said, he told both Nixon and President Lyndon

Johnson that he preferred a "general uplifting" of the Mexican-American community.

"Lyndon Johnson raised the ante," Gonzalez said, including his War on Poverty programs and education bills.

Carter has drawn recent criticism in San Antonio because of a delay in word on the expected nomination of state Rep. Matt Garcia as commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.