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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 4, 1979

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: EDWARD SANDERS *Ed*

I thought you might be interested in the attached statements by the American Jewish Committee and American Jewish Congress, in support of your fight against inflation.

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Attachments (2)



THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

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December 13, 1978

Mr. Edward Sanders
Senior Advisor to the
President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ed:

I am pleased to enclose herewith a copy of a resolution approved yesterday by our highest body, the Board of Governors. It is a short, simple declaration that the President is to be commended for placing the fight against inflation high on the nation's agenda and an appeal to the nation to give good faith co-operation to this effort.

As a community relations agency, we express too our hope that the fight against inflation will not place any undue burdens on our disadvantaged groups.

We intend to give this statement of support wide circulation and thus contribute to an effective public response to the President's call for co-operation.

Sincerely,

Hyman Bookbinder
Washington Representative

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FIGHTING INFLATION AND PROTECTING THE POOR

The President of the United States has called upon the nation to help him fight the intolerable inflation that threatens economic stability and growth. The American Jewish Committee commends the President for placing the fight against inflation so high on the nation's agenda.

While the fight against inflation is and must be everybody's business, not all people suffer equally from the effects of inflation, and not all people should be expected to make comparable sacrifices in fighting it. The poor, the elderly and the disadvantaged are disproportionately suffering the consequences of inflation; they must not now be asked to pay disproportionately for the fight against it.

The American Jewish Committee urges good faith participation by all Americans in the battle against inflation. The health not only of our economy but of our communities and the state of intergroup relations depends upon the readiness and willingness of all our people to cooperate in this voluntary effort.

Adopted by Board of Governors
American Jewish Committee
December 12, 1978

AK
cc: SS
cc: RR
cc: Ed Sanders

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS



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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

December 5, 1978

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

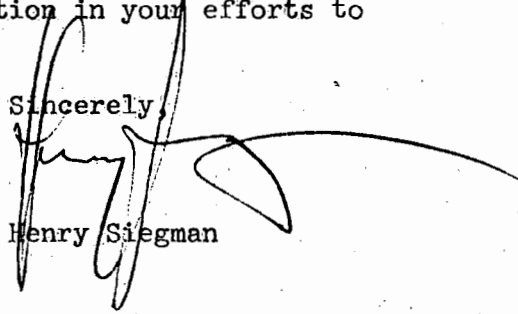
Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to express to you our warm support for the leadership that you have exercised in the battle against inflation.

The American Jewish Congress was pleased to be represented at the anti-inflation meeting held recently in the White House, and we have distributed the enclosed memorandum to our membership throughout the country.

The problem of inflation is a continuing concern of our organization, and we look forward to cooperating with you and your Administration in your efforts to deal with it.

Sincerely,


Henry Siegman

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INFO ONLY: THE VICE PRESIDENT

JACK WATSON

ANNE WEXLER

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memo may be done
in about 4 weeks.

SUBJECT: MARSHALL MEMO RE ADVANCE FUNDING THE CETA PROGRAM

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+ RESPONSE DUE TO RICK HUTCHESON STAFF SECRETARY (456-7052) +
+ BY: 1200 PM MONDAY 08 JAN 79 +
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ACTION REQUESTED: YOUR COMMENTS

STAFF RESPONSE: () I CONCUR. () NO COMMENT. () HOLD.

PLEASE NOTE OTHER COMMENTS BELOW:

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON

JAN 3 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RAY MARSHALL *Ray*
SECRETARY OF LABOR

SUBJECT: Advance Funding the CETA Program

I strongly recommend that we request an advance appropriation for CETA in the fiscal 1980 budget. This request will not add to either 1980 budget authority or outlays. An advance appropriation does commit the federal government to provide some funding for 1981.

I recommend that we provide assurance to carry out titles II and VI of the program for one half year at end-of-year levels. This commitment would still leave open the option of phasing the program out completely--but gradually--in fiscal 1981. Asking for an advance appropriation would, therefore, not reduce your flexibility. What the request would do, however, is improve the management of the CETA system. Authority for advance funding is provided in section 112 (d) of CETA.

Both OMB and DOL recognize the advantages of avoiding a roller coaster-like enrollment in CETA PSE and training. We, therefore, have agreed to administer the program in a way that will limit the PSE enrollment in Fiscal 79 so that the level remains close to that planned for the end of the fiscal year.

Advance funding will help avoid large swings in enrollment levels in the summer of 1980. Without assurance of funding into 1981, the prime sponsors will be reluctant to put people on board as the end of fiscal 1980 approaches. We have observed this phenomenon this year as PSE enrollment levels fell from over 715 thousand in June to less than 625 by the end of the fiscal year without any policy guidance.

The CETA system has suffered from lack of certainty about program design, reporting requirements and funding. This uncertainty has made planning difficult at the local level. If this Administration wants CETA to be better managed then we should take steps to reduce the uncertainty. A four-year reauthorization was one step. Advance appropriations would be a second step. I view this as part of the on-going management improvement process that you wrote to me about on December 22, 1978.