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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

6/30

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Per Joane -

AI AM said that  
Lyn Coleman (DOE)

transmitted the appropriate  
information to the ILL  
on 6/28.

No further action necessary.

Tell

ID 792593

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

DATE: 19 JUN 79

FOR ACTION: ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL STU EIZENSTAT

BOB LIPSHUTZ *coordinate w/ DOJ,* JIM MCINTYRE

INFO ONLY: THE VICE PRESIDENT FRANK MOORE (LES FRANCIS)

JERRY RAFSHOON JACK WATSON

ANNE WEXLER ZBIG BRZEZINSKI

SUBJECT: HOUSE RESOLUTION 291 REQUESTING CERTAIN INFORMATION  
RELATING TO CRUDE OIL AND REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

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+ RESPONSE DJE TO RICK HUTCHESON STAFF SECRETARY (456-7052) +  
+ BY: 1200 PM *Manday 05* ~~THURSDAY~~ 21 JUN 79 +  
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ACTION REQUESTED: YOUR COMMENTS

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

PLEASE NOTE OTHER COMMENTS BELOW:

FOR ACTION  
FYI

FOR STAFFING
FOR INFORMATION
FROM PRESIDENT'S OUTBOX
LOG IN/TO PRESIDENT TODAY
IMMEDIATE TURNAROUND
NO DEADLINE
LAST DAY FOR ACTION

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	CONFIDENTIAL
	SECRET
	EYES ONLY

Rick —

B Linder says that usually resolutions are not binding. However, in this case the House is "directing" & is also requesting quite a bit of info. Bob suggests you start it. Also, he has given a copy to Joanne.

Pat

**THE WHITE HOUSE**  
**WASHINGTON**

**TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM**

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Edmund L. Henshaw, Jr.  
Clerk

W. Raymond Colley  
Deputy Clerk

Office of the Clerk  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

June 18, 1979

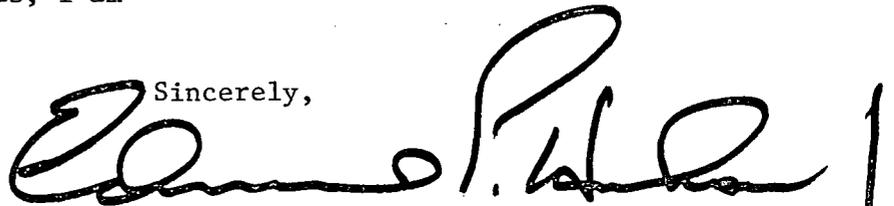
The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed herewith is an engrossed and attested copy of House Resolution 291, as passed by the House of Representatives on June 15, 1979, whereby the House requests certain information relating to crude oil and refined petroleum products.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,



EDMUND L. HENSHAW, JR., Clerk  
U. S. House of Representatives

Enclosure

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H. Res. 291

*In the House of Representatives, U. S.,*

*June 15, 1979.*

*Resolved,* That the President, to the extent possible, is directed to furnish to the House of Representatives, not later than fifteen days following the adoption of this resolution, full and complete information on the following:

(1) the existence and percentage of shortages of crude oil and refined petroleum products within the United States and administrative regions;

(2) the current level of demand for crude oil and refined petroleum products within the United States and administrative regions;

(3) the current quantity and location prior to final retail sale of existing supplies of crude oil and refined petroleum products within the United States and administrative regions;

(4) methods used in the allocation of supplies of crude oil and refined petroleum products among the various administrative regions of the United States since January 1, 1978;

(5) directives changing or amending allocations of crude oil or refined petroleum products among or within the various

administrative regions of the United States since January 1, 1978;

(6) facts in the possession of the executive branch demonstrating any action within private industry to withhold or reduce supplies of crude oil or refined petroleum products available for public distribution since January 1, 1978;

(7) public statements since January 1, 1979, of the President, the Secretary of Energy, or spokesmen acting on their behalf, pertaining specifically to shortages and supply of crude oil and refined petroleum products as well as any diversion of foreign supplies of crude oil and refined petroleum products intended for shipment to the United States;

(8) the percentage change in the various petroleum products obtained from the refining of crude oil, on a monthly basis, since January 1, 1978;

(9) actions, directives, or communications regarding changes in the refinery yield of petroleum products since January 1, 1978;

(10) any reduction in the supply of crude oil from any foreign country since January 1, 1978, if not incompatible with the public interest;

(11) refinery capacity utilization, on a monthly basis, since January 1, 1978.

The information requested in this resolution shall be made available to each Member of the House of Representatives in accordance with applicable rules of the House.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edna P. Kelly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long vertical stroke extending downwards from the end.

*Clerk.*





OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

June 20, 1979

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BENJAMIN CIVILETTI **BRE**  
ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: House Resolution 291

We are in receipt of House Resolution 291, as passed by the House of Representatives on June 15, 1979, which requests certain information relating to crude oil and refined petroleum products, in the possession of the Executive Branch. In general, the Resolution requests data relating to the supply and demand for crude oil and petroleum products as well as various regulatory actions taken with respect to allocation and refinery yields. These data are not in the possession of the Department of Justice. Rather, such data are routinely collected by the Department of Energy. We have contacted DOE officials to insure that they are aware of this information request and can respond appropriately.

With respect to Item number 6 of the Resolution which requests information concerning the withholding of supply by private industry, the Department expects to supply an interim report on the apparent gasoline shortage to you by Monday, June 25, 1979. This report will provide you with a description of the activities of the Antitrust Division in its investigation, as well as a preliminary assessment of the information relating to the apparent shortage. Since the interim report will contain a number of tentative suggestions regarding the possible causes of the shortage and describe the details of an ongoing investigation, we would prefer that the report in its entirety not be released, consistent with normal Department policy. Moreover, disclosure of the report might discourage industry representatives from continuing to cooperate voluntarily with the Department's ongoing investigation. Further, because several of our preliminary findings are extremely tentative in nature, it is possible that release of the report could encourage unwarranted conclusions regarding culpability for the shortage.

However, we believe that the report could be summarized in a manner that would not jeopardize our ongoing investigation. Such a summary could contain a discussion of possible contributing factors to the shortage, without describing the details of the investigation, or several working hypotheses that provide the analytical framework for our inquiry. The summary could also contain a general description of the future timing and direction of our ongoing investigation. If, however, you deem release of the full report to be the appropriate course of action, such release would result neither in the disclosure of competitively sensitive information, or information that would irreparably impair the investigation.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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JUN 22 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES T. McINTYRE, JR. *Jim*

SUBJECT: House Resolution 291 - Requesting Certain  
Information on Crude Oil and Refined  
Petroleum Products

According to the Department of Justice, you are not legally bound to respond to the House Resolution. However, in view of the controversy over exactly what is the cause of petroleum shortages in the United States, you cannot ignore the resolution. You should respond to the House request, making it clear that you are not bound by law to respond to the resolution, but that you have and will continue to provide the best possible information to the Congress and to the American people on petroleum supply.



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