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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

BILL SIMON

We labored hard and  
long --all to come up with  
a no comment! Sorry about  
that- I did have hopes.

Eleanor

5/19



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE  
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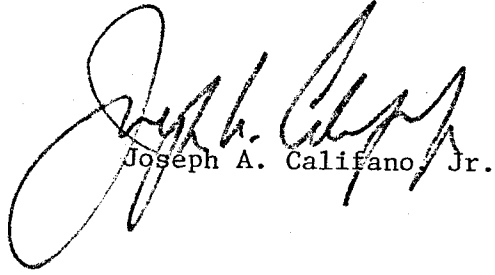
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Date: May 6, 1977

MEMORANDUM

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FOR ACTION:

Hamilton Jordan ✓

FOR INFORMATION:

FROM: Rick Hutcheson, Staff Secretary

SUBJECT: Secretary Califano memo 5/4 re appointment of Mr. Don I. Wortman as Deputy Commissioner of Social Security.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE DELIVERED  
TO THE STAFF SECRETARY BY:

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

DAY: Wednesday

DATE: May 11, 1977

ACTION REQUESTED:

Your comments

Other:

STAFF RESPONSE:

I concur.

No comment.

Please note other comments below:

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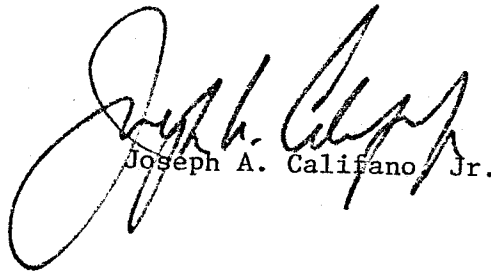
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RESUME  
DON I. WORTMAN

POSITION: Acting Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration

BIRTHPLACE AND DATE: Lakota, Iowa  
November 10, 1927 Married: Father of three sons

EDUCATION: B.A. Economics - Macalester College, 1951  
M.A. Public Admin. - University of Minnesota, 1952  
Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Ft McNair  
1961-62

MILITARY SERVICE: Army Specialist Training Program - July 1945--January 1946  
Army Air Force - February 1946--November 1947

EXPERIENCE:

3/8/77-PRESENT Acting Admin., Health Care Financing Administration

1/77-3/8/77 Acting Admin., Social and Rehabilitation Service

7/76-1/77 Director, Office of Regulatory Review; Special Assistant to the Secretary for Regulatory Reform--Responsible for implementing Secretary's policies to achieve: a) improved public participation in development of regulations; b) better internal management of regulations to assure timely issuance; c) review of regulatory documents before Secretary's signature. This is a major reform effort in the Department.

1973-1/76 Deputy Asst. Secy for Program Systems, Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare: Development and operation of Dept's policy planning and coordination activities; design of activities to strengthen capacity of state/local governments to plan and manage human resource programs; provision of and planning for data processing and statistical services. Served in a variety of special assignments for the Secretary: Conf. on Inflation, Energy Coordinator and Dir., HEW Refugee Task Force.

1971-1973 Economic Stabilization Program/Admin., Office of Price Monitoring, Cost of Living Council; Dir., Ofc of Operations, Price Commission: Review and action on price increase requests, interpretations of regulations; monitoring profit margin performance of companies with annual sales over \$50 million. Personally created and directed staff of 250 auditors, accountants, economists, and lawyers to do this regulatory job.



EXPERIENCE:  
(Cont'd)

1965-1971 Office of Economic Opportunity/Controller; Dir.,  
Office of Community Action Support; Assoc. Dir. for Prog.  
Operations, Community Action Program; Deputy Asst.  
Dir. for Research, Plans, Programs and Evaluation; Chief,  
Programs and Evaluation Division--For first two years,  
performed planning, program analysis, policy development  
and budget responsibilities. For next four years, served  
as an operating official in the Community Action Program  
in administering programs through ten Regional Offices.  
Concluded OEO phase as Controller.

1953-1965 Atomic Energy Commission/Dir., Requirements and  
Facilities Division, Albuquerque Operations Office; Dir.,  
Budget Division, ALO; Deputy Asst. Mgr. for Prog. Analysis  
and Budget, Div. of Military Application; Mgt Intern  
through Senior Program Analyst--Develop professional  
skills in budget in variety of assignments in atomic  
weapons program both in Washington and Albuquerque.  
Last assignment was directing staff of engineers in  
assessing production capacities and capabilities in  
meeting future workloads and new weapon designs.

HONORS AND  
AWARDS:

1970 -- Distinguished Citizen Award, Macalester College  
1972 -- Distinguished Service Award - Price Commission  
1973 -- Meritorious Service Award, Federal Government  
Accountants Association  
1975 -- HEW Secretary's Special Citation  
1975 -- Certificate of Appreciation, the President of  
the United States

CIVIC AND  
CHURCH  
ACTIVITIES:

Member, Rockville Citizens for Good Government, 1958,  
1962, 1965  
Leader in various capacities in Rockville United Church,  
1969 to Present  
Member, Rockville Human Relations Committee, April 1970 -  
November 1971  
Creator of major fellowship in honor of Dr. Dupre, former  
Dean of Macalester College

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*Handwritten:* Add per HS 5/11/77

Date: May 6, 1977

MEMORANDUM

**FOR ACTION:**  
Hamilton Jordan

**FOR INFORMATION:**

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B  
11/15 - Still IP w/ Gannett who will call back

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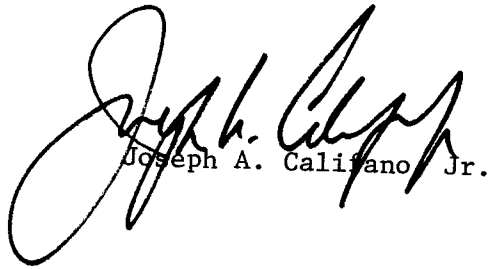
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