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WASHINGTON

DATE: JAN 20 78

FOR ACTION: TIM KRAFT

FRAN VOORDE

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INFO ONLY: THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICK HUTCHESON WHITE HOUSE STAFF SECRETARY PHONE 456-7052

SUBJECT OWEN MEMO DATED 1/19/78 RE DEVELOPMENT SPEECH AND SEN. HUMPHREY

RESPONSE MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE STAFF SECRETARY

BY 0900 AM TUESDAY JAN 24 78

ACTION REQUESTED:

STAFF RESPONSE: () I CONCUR. () NO COMMENT. () HOLD; DO NOT FORWARD.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 19, 1978

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

HENRY OWEN *HO*

SUBJECT:

Development Speech and Senator Humphrey

1. On November 7, Lawrence Keegan, President of the International Development Conference, wrote inviting you to speak to the 25th Anniversary February 7 meeting of that Conference of prominent private citizens and organizations. On November 15 Senators Humphrey and Javits wrote you, as honorary co-chairmen, asking you to accept. Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy addressed previous IDC meetings. The IDC is concerned with aid and development problems.
2. This memorandum suggests why it would be useful for you to attend and how you might use the occasion. It has been cleared (except for the reference to North-South scholarships in paragraph 5) with State, AID, OMB, and Frank Press.
3. It would be useful for you to address this Conference because we cannot get Congressional approval for the aid requests that we will be making this year without the support of its constituency. Here is a unique opportunity for you to seek that support.
4. You might use the occasion to discuss the rationale and strategy of the foreign aid program, and its value in transmitting both resources and knowledge to LDCs. This should be the main burden of the speech. You might also use the speech to announce that you are appointing a mixed private-public group, chaired by a prominent figure from the private research or scientific community, to study how to involve private groups (e.g., universities and foundations) more effectively and extensively in research and development on problems of special concern to developing countries. There is general agreement that a greater private and public research and development effort on problems of special concern to LDCs would pay large dividends. This might involve creation of a semi-autonomous entity within AID or a new International Development Foundation (which might be named after Senator Humphrey) to carry forward this work. A detailed study involving large participation of scientists and others from the private community will be needed before a decision can be made as to whether and what kind of proposal for increased activity in this field to make to the Congress in 1979.
5. It is possible that by the time this speech is to be given, governmental review of the idea of a program of North-South scholarships may have reached a stage which will permit us to propose including it in your speech.
6. If you agree, I will prepare a speech outline for Jim Fallows.

_____ Approve

_____ Disapprove

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*We will include on
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ORIGINATOR SUBJECT

FRANKLIN, BARBARA HECKMAN

SUBJECT FRANKLIN LETTER DATED 1/19/78 RE WHITE HOUSE SPONSORSHIP OF FORUMS
DESIGNED TO EXPLORE CANCER CAUSES, CURES AND CONTROL

TO PRESIDENT

FROM PRESIDENT

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THE ATTACHED LETTER IS SENT TO YOU FOR APPROPRIATE HANDLING

CC; CHARLES WARREN



U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20207

January 19, 1978

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

Dear Mr. President:

Last April, I wrote you expressing my conviction that a Federal policy on carcinogens is urgently needed. My concerns were sparked by the clamor surrounding the Commission's decision on the flame-retardant chemical Tris and the Food and Drug Administration experience with saccharin.

Since then, the Commission has faced problems with still another chemical flame-retardant, Fyrol FR2, while the FDA and many other research and regulatory agencies have focused on other similar issues.

At your direction, the Council on Environmental Quality convened an interagency Toxic Substances Strategy Committee to focus on many concerns in this area. In addition, four agencies, including my own, are coordinating their efforts on a number of matters of mutual interest in this area.

Both efforts can be promising. However, I believe more is needed and that White House leadership is required to achieve it.

Most especially, I am greatly troubled that both groups so far have provided little or no opportunity for those most directly affected -- consumers, industry, voluntary organizations and the academic and scientific communities, for example -- to participate in the national

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discussion regarding cancer-causing substances. A full range of views is essential to accurately define the problem and to arrive at solutions that can be fair, meaningful and lasting.

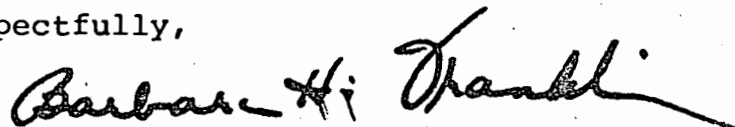
What is urgently needed is a means of wide open and frank discussions, which includes the broadest cross-section of the American public possible.

As a result, I urge your earliest and strongest consideration of White House sponsorship and support of a series of regional forums designed to explore all issues related to the causes, cures and control of cancer. I propose that these forums include sessions chaired by individuals and groups outside the government. In other words, the views and guidance of the public should be considered on an equal footing with those of Federal officials.

Finally, I recommend that a national meeting to consider the issues raised during the regional forums also be convened. The results should become a part of the deliberations of the four-agency group and the Toxic Substances Strategy Committee and should be reflected in that Committee's final recommendations to you.

Cancer is the leading health and safety issue of the decade, and I urge you to make every effort to assure that it is a top priority concern of your Administration. I am willing to assist in this effort in any way I can.

Respectfully,



Barbara Hackman Franklin
Vice Chairman