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WASHINGTON

DATE: 22 JUN 78

FOR ACTION:

INFO ONLY: THE VICE PRESIDENT
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SUBJECT: MCINTYRE MEMO RE YOUR JUNE 23 TEXAS TRIP AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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RESPONSE DUE TO RICK HUTCHESON STAFF SECRETARY (456-7052) +
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ACTION REQUESTED: YOUR COMMENTS

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

PLEASE NOTE OTHER COMMENTS BELOW:
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: James T. McIntyre, Jr.

SUBJECT: Your June 23 Texas Trip and the Department of Education Initiative

You will be with Jack Brooks in Beaumont, Texas this Friday. Jack told me yesterday that he will introduce and shepherd through the House of Representatives a bill to establish a Department of Education. The bill that he will introduce next week is the Administration's proposal except that it does not transfer Head Start to the new department. (The vocal Head Start constituency in Texas has pressured Jack to oppose the transfer of this program from HEW).

To draw national attention to the Department of Education Initiative and to give Jack Brooks a boost, I suggest that you make a public statement on Friday that would:

* Emphasize the priority you give to the establishment of a Cabinet Department of Education.

* Thank Jack Brooks for his help in getting a bill enacted this year.

I will keep you informed of the progress of this legislation. We expect Senator Ribicoff to mark up his Department of Education bill as soon as he completes the Civil Service mark up. If Jack Brooks can get a bill to the floor of the House in early September, we have a very good chance of enactment this year.

Jack has not committed to a specific date to introduce the bill, but we think that he will do so next week.