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FOR ACTION:
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FROM: Rick Hutcheson, Staff Secretary

FOR INFORMATION:
Frank Moore
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TIME: 12:00 PM
DAY: Monday
DATE: July 10, 1978

ACTION REQUESTED:
___ Your comments
Other:

STAFF RESPONSE:
___ I concur.
___ No comment.

Please note other comments below:

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I concur with respect to the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration.

No comment with respect to the Under Secretary/HEW.

Nelson Cruikshank

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MEMORANDUM FOR: RICK HUTCHESON

FROM: NELSON CRUIKSHANK

SUBJECT: Appointments of Hale Champion and S. G. Ross -- your memo of July 7

On July 7, I responded to the subject memo noting concurrence with respect to the appointment of Hale Champion as Commissioner of Social Security and indicating "no comment" with respect to the appointment of S. G. Ross as Under Secretary of HEW. I would like to amend that response with respect to the latter.

I certainly have nothing against Mr. Ross. However, looking over his background it seems that his professional career and his training duplicate that of Secretary Califano rather than complementing it. Certainly there are many legal problems involved at HEW, but the Secretary, himself, is a highly competent attorney and is supported by able, legal counsel. It would seem to me that the essential human problems involved in the administration of HEW should have their voice at this level. Nowhere else in government are focused the problems of the family, the elderly and all the related social concerns.

Both in terms of substance and in terms of politics, I would recommend that a woman be appointed to this post. Under the Eisenhower Administration, a distinguished woman educator, Bertha Adkins, served as Under Secretary of HEW and under the Ford Administration, Marjorie Lynch served as Under Secretary. Surely we in this Administration can find a woman of equal stature and competence. It seems to me that on both counts, we would be ahead to have a woman appointed. I believe a woman would reflect social concerns in a way that would greatly strengthen the Secretary's top staff.
INFO ONLY:

SUBJECT: PETERSON MEMO RE STANFORD ROSS FOR HEW

RESPONSE DUE TO RICK HUTCHESON STAFF SECRETARY (456-7052) 
BY: 1200 PM FRIDAY 14 JUL 78

ACTION REQUESTED:

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

PLEASE NOTE OTHER COMMENTS BELOW:

I've talked with E.P. & have incorporated her comments in my memo to the President.
July 11, 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: ESTHER PETERSON
SUBJECT: Vacancy in the Position of Under Secretary of HHS

I understand that an attorney, Stanford Ross, is being recommended for the position of Under Secretary of HHS. I trust you'll consider a number of women applicants who could ably serve in this position before a final decision is made, for these reasons: It is a post that:

1. Requires broader experience than expertise in legal and taxation matters;

2. Prior Republican administrations have appointed qualified women to this position;

I would be glad to submit names for your consideration.

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