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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Date: 07 July 78

MEMORANDUM

**FOR ACTION:**

Tim Kraft ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ - attached  
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 Stu Eizenstat  
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**FROM:** Rick Hutcheson, Staff Secretary

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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.

DATE: 12 JUL 78

FOR ACTION: TIM KRAFT

JIM GAMMILL

INFO ONLY:

SUBJECT: PETERSON MEMO RE STANFORD ROSS FOR HEW

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+ RESPONSE DUE TO RICK HUTCHESON STAFF SECRETARY (456-7052) +

+ BY: 1200 PM FRIDAY 14 JUL 78 +

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ACTION REQUESTED:

STAFF RESPONSE:  I 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 HEW

I understand that an attorney, Stanford Ross, is being recommended for the position of Under Secretary of HEW. 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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