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WASHINGTON

March 28, 1977

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The Vice President
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Frank Moore
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Jack Watson

Re; Weekly Cabinet Reports

The attached were returned in the President's outbox. These copies are forwarded to you for your personal information.

Rick Hutcheson

Reports included:
HUD, CEA, Agriculture,
Labor, Treasury, Interior,
Defense, Justice, Transportation,
HEW, Energy and UN Mission

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20410

March 25, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Weekly Report of Major Departmental Activities

The following are brief descriptions of significant activities at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Testimony before the House Appropriations Subcommittee. On Tuesday, I presented to the HUD-Independent Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee our request for $9 billion to fund the Department's programs for the fiscal year 1978. I informed the subcommittee that revisions in the Ford budget were made primarily to concentrate resources on the areas of greatest need, particularly for low and moderate income groups. Among other matters, I reported that the 400,000 assisted units budgeted for fiscal year 1978 are needed to give continuity and predictability to a rational housing program.

Meeting with Mayors. On Wednesday, members of my staff and I met with nine of the nation's big-city Mayors to enlist their support for our community development legislation. The Mayors praised the new Community Development Block Grant formula, stating that it will provide an equitable distribution of funds, and promised to give it solid support. Jack Watson, who also attended the meeting, emphasized the partnership role of the Conference of Mayors in securing Congressional cooperation. I informed the Mayors that I have been designated as Convener of a Cabinet-level team to advise you on urban and regional development matters.

Energy Conservation -- Public Housing. The Department will begin a special Energy Conservation program in the next two weeks. A total of $2 million of modernization funds will be made available to selected housing authorities for public housing energy conservation projects.

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Simplification of Housing Forms. The Department has begun revising and consolidating forms used in the Section 8 (Subsidized) Housing Assistance Payments program to make them conform whenever possible to those used in our insured housing programs. We believe that this simplification and uniformity of forms will result in an overall reduction in Section 8 processing time.

Graduated Payment Mortgages. We are preparing a press release on the first loan made under the Graduated Payment Mortgage program. This is a new program designed primarily to help young families meet their mortgage payments more easily in the early years of homeownership. Under the program, payments are low in the early years, with larger payments later until they level off at fixed amounts. The loan will be made to a young couple in San Antonio, Texas.

There is a serious problem with graduated payment mortgages, however. Because of the graduated payments, there is a question of whether such payments are permitted under the laws of some States. In 16 States there is no such problem, but in the remaining States there may be. This is the reason the Department has asked Congress to enact Federal legislation preempting State law insofar as graduated payment mortgages are concerned.

Affirmative Fair Housing Agreement. HUD's Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity staff have been working with officials of the National Association of Real Estate License Law Officials (NARELLO) on the substance and language of an affirmative fair housing agreement. Our negotiations have been successful, and we expect NARELLO to adopt the agreed-upon model.

Energy Policy Coordination. HUD staff has met with representatives of the Federal Energy Administration (FEA) to coordinate implementation of FEA's Energy State Grant programs and HUD's Energy Standards program. We have agreed, informally, on all implementation issues and we are now working on a formal agreement.

Solar Energy Grants/News Release. On Monday, March 28, HUD and ERDA will announce a $4.6 million grant program to pay half the cost of installing solar hot water heating units in 10,000 single-family residences located in 10 States.

Flood Insurance Sales Announcements. We have tentatively set Wednesday, March 30, as the date to announce the sale of the one millionth Federal flood insurance policy. This

brings the total flood insurance coverage to more than $25 billion. Present arrangements are to present the policy at the home of the policy holder.

Federal Women's Program. New York State Government is organizing a Women's Program comparable to the Federal Women's program. New York has invited the Federal Women's Coordinator for HUD to keynote the State's organizing meeting of Women's Advisors representing 50 government departments.

Press Query concerning "Urbank." The Washington Star has asked my press office about rumors of a "feud" between myself and Treasury Secretary Blumenthal over "Urbank," the plan for an urban development bank. The Star was assured that no controversy exists.

Patricia Roberts Harris

Patricia Roberts Harris

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS
WASHINGTON

March 25, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: CHARLIE SCHULTZE CLS

SUBJECT: CEA Weekly Report

1. 1977 and 1978 Economic Forecast

The Council is working with Treasury, OMB, Commerce, and Labor to review and update our economic forecast for 1977 and 1978. This forecast will supply economic assumptions for the spring budget review and will not be released publicly.

We have not completed the forecast. But our tentative view is that the outlook for real growth in 1977 and 1978 has not changed materially since our initial forecast earlier this year. The risk of falling short of our target, however, appears to have increased somewhat -- in part because of rising food and energy prices, which will absorb consumer purchasing power, and in part because Federal expenditures in fiscal 1977 may fall below the levels indicated in the Budget. We hope to complete the work in about a week.

2. Loan Guarantee Programs

The CEA has been asked to testify before the Subcommittee on Economic Stabilization of the House Budget Committee next week on Federal loan guarantee programs. These programs have grown very rapidly in recent years, and there is concern in the Congress and elsewhere about the extent of Federal assistance that is taking this form.

The growth of these loan programs reflects inadequate recognition by the Congress of the element of subsidy (often hidden) in loan programs, lack of budgetary controls over

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these programs, and the impetus to loan guarantees stemming from the establishment in 1974 of the Federal Financing Bank. We will encourage the Congress to consider other -- more appropriate -- forms of subsidization for providing Federal assistance when that is feasible. We will also recommend the development of better procedures for monitoring and controlling the growth of loan guarantee programs.

3. Shoe Import Relief

CEA has been actively involved in the formulation of options for responding to the International Trade Commission's recommendation for tariff and quota relief for the U. S. Shoe Industry. We have been working closely with EPG agencies in developing a program of substantially improved adjustment assistance that can preserve this Administration's commitment to free trade as a fundamental economic goal, and as a basic weapon in the battle against inflation.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20250

March 25, 1977

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH Jack Watson
Secretary to the Cabinet

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

Farm Bill. In presenting the Administration's recommendations for general farm legislation, we found both the House and Senate Agriculture Committees courteous and attentive. It was made clear that the Department will support the Administration's figures; but even with an all-out effort by the entire Administration, it will be difficult to hold the line, especially on the income support levels for wheat.

California. We are finalizing plans for a tour of rural California for mid-April. It will be concentrated in the Congressional districts of Bernie Sisk, John Krebs, and Leon Panetta. The Governor has agreed to take part in our meetings in Sisk's district. This should be helpful in healing wounds.

Birds. To counteract the outbreak of Newcastle disease, the Department has changed its procedure of slaughtering all infected and exposed birds to the destruction of infected birds and surveillance of exposed birds. (See Weekly Report of March 11.) This should lessen criticism of the program while accomplishing our attempts to prevent the disease from spreading.

Meat. Following the recommendations of a yet-to-be-published GAO report, the Department has put into effect new procedures for handling bribery matters related to meat inspection.

Summer Feeding. The Department has instituted new regulations designed to make abuses more difficult with the summer feeding program for children. We continue to push our investigations into illegalities in this and the food stamp program, seeking indictments and tough penalties when called for.

BOB BERGLAND

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20250

March 11, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH Jack Watson
Secretary to the Cabinet

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

AgLand Trust. A meeting is scheduled between the Secretary and the President of Continental Bank and Trust of Chicago. Bank officials are expected to announce they are abandoning their efforts to gain IRS exemption for Agland Trust and will not attempt to establish a large farm rental system.

Farmers Union. The Secretary's trip to the National Farmers Union Convention in Texas reemphasized the importance of Cabinet-level officials meeting with small groups as well as with large audiences. A banquet speech to several thousand provided visability for the Administration, but a meeting following with the 150 voting delegates allowed average farmers to vent their fears and express their views. The latter reassures the "folks" and provides us with an accurate reading of their true feelings.

Farm Bill. Senate and House hearings have been rescheduled for one week later than originally planned. This should give the Administration time to present our own general farm legislation on the Hill. We plan to present the Administration's proposals to you, Mr. President, on Sunday of next week.

Farmers Home Administration. Emphasis is being placed on improving the responsiveness of USDA's lending programs with special concentration on areas where weather is threatening financial setbacks. Field offices are being directed to act accordingly, making full use of existing authorities.

State Directors. Because of the delays in replacing Schedule A appointments, the Department has asked the Civil Service Commission to reclassify ASCS State Directors as Schedule C. The attorney representing both ASCS and FmHA Directors has asked the Commission for all correspondence on this matter. In the meantime, we have begun clearances to fill vacancies on State ASC Committees as rapidly as possible.

Canada. The Secretary has been officially invited to Ottawa to discuss mutual farm problems with their Minister of Agriculture. (Under their system, the Minister has general responsibility for all agricultural commodities except wheat.) The invitation is for April 4 or 5 and should probably be accomplished on one of those dates as a timely followup to the recent visit of Otto Lang, head of the Canadian Wheat Board.

Birds. There has been an outbreak of Newcastle disease in California. Present policy is to destroy infected and exposed birds, except endangered species. The Secretary has asked the appropriate agency to review policy and options. Mass destruction of birds is not the kind of image USDA needs, and there would surely be fallout on the entire Administration.



BOB BERGLAND
Secretary

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

March 25, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SECRETARY OF LABOR, Ray Marshall RM

Subject: Major Departmental Activities for March 19-25

LABOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Common Situs Picketing

As you know, the House, by a vote of 217 - 205, defeated the common situs bill on March 23rd.

Major Negotiations--East Coast Longshoremen

There is a continuing danger of a longshoremen strike in protest over the National Labor Relations Board ruling on container handling. Assistant Secretary Frank Burkhardt and I are in close contact with the leadership of the East Coast longshoremen.

Election Advisory Unit

An election advisory unit has been established to advise major unions before they hold elections. In the past, the Labor Department has generally been limited to taking remedial action after a contested election is held.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA)

My Day as an OSHA Inspector

I spent the entire day on March 25th in a copper pipe factory in suburban Philadelphia with a two-man inspection team from OSHA. This visit was the first in a series of similar activities designed to help me understand the day-to-day functions of the Department of Labor.

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Supreme Court Decision

The Supreme Court in a unaminous vote upheld the constitutionality of OSHA's system of civil penalties. This was the first Supreme Court decision that ever involved OSHA and is a major victory. Also coming before the Court this term is an Idaho case that contends that unannounced OSHA inspections are a violation of the Fourth Amendment's limits on search and seizure.

MINIMUM WAGE

On March 24th, I testified in favor of the Administration's minimum wage position before the House Education and Labor Committee. As you know, this calls for a $2.50 minimum wage which is tied to fifty percent of regular wages in manufacturing.

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS

The House voted on March 21st to extend for another year supplemental benefits to the unemployed. The Senate has begun work on similar legislation.

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON 20220

March 24, 1977

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Highlights of Treasury Activities

Treasury has created a new Office of Urban Finance to develop financial initiatives toward central cities. The new office will contain the Office of Revenue Sharing, a slightly enlarged Office of Municipal Finance, the Office of New York Finance, and a small professional research staff. This group has already begun an evaluation of the arguments for an Urban Development Bank, and I expect to receive recommendations late in the spring.

The Senate will consider the tax portions of the stimulus package toward the end of next week. The main threat to the package involves the rebate provisions when the Republicans propose permanent tax reductions as an alternative.

Although Senator Long has pledged his cooperation, his strategy still is not clear as to whether he plans to move the authorization for the countercyclical program on the tax bill or on the extension of the unemployment compensation bill. We also are uncertain as to the extent of the House leadership commitment in regard to the authorization.

I am submitting to the Senate Banking Committee a revised draft on corporate bribery legislation. It contains the most practical approach to criminalization of foreign bribery by U.S. corporations that we could develop (and it also contains a provision calling for limited disclosure, to be triggered by an Executive Order, should that prove desirable).

Following consultations with Senator Ribicoff, I decided to proceed with administrative hearings on the tax guidelines regarding the Arab boycott. The hearings will take 4-6 weeks, provide us valuable information, and help us avoid the risk of a conflict between the guidelines and the provisions of new anti-boycott legislation.

The IMF has reached informal agreement with Portugal on a standby arrangement for about $50 million. This will be presented to and formally approved by the IMF Executive Board within a few weeks.

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The April Revenue Sharing payment will not be sent to approximately 6,800 localities out of a total of approximately 39,000 as the result of a cut-off date for the receipt of required forms.

Our Paperwork Management office redesigned the reports program and established new goals. Preliminary figures indicate the initial goal of a 5% reduction in the workload has already been achieved, exclusive of IRS and Revenue Sharing (actually 7.2%) and a new goal of 9% can be met by September 30, 1977. Our report to Bert Lance will be forwarded by the end of the month.

Draft OMB zero-base budgeting instructions were sent to bureau budget officers and planning officers. We have scheduled individual meetings with representatives of each bureau to discuss their appropriate zero-base budgeting decision packages. A member of our staff has been engaged in the preparation of a formal presentation (slides and graphs) to bureau budgeting and accounting personnel, setting forth guidelines for the preparation of the FY 1979 zero-base budgeting decisions packages.

The Internal Revenue Service, in consultation with the White House Media and Public Affairs staff, is exploring the possibility of getting network time and preparing television programs to be shown during the first two weeks in April to review the standard Form 1040 on a line-by-line basis and assist the average taxpayer in completing his return.

We have begun a long-range program to reduce the burden and simplify the language of regulations. No Federal Register publication may be released without my approval and a project team in my office reads every regulation and directs a re-write when necessary. Up to now, I have read every regulation and I intend in the future that I or my Deputy Secretary will read them on a selected basis, depending on the issues involved.

This effort will be included in our Management by Objectives program. Also, we are inaugurating a training program on the writing of regulations. The Internal Revenue Service poses the most difficult problem because of the legal technicalities, the number of regulations, and their existing backlog.

Next week I will be making my first major trip out of Washington, with stops in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Phoenix.

Mike

W. Michael Blumenthal

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D C. 20301

18 MAR 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Lexington Bluegrass Army Depot Realignment

In accordance with my direction, the Secretary of the Army has completed a review of the earlier decision to remove the electronics maintenance function from Lexington Bluegrass Army Depot by consolidating that workload at Sacramento Army Depot, California and Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pennsylvania.

As part of this reexamination, the Army looked at the alternatives of reduction at either Sacramento Army Depot or Tobyhanna Army Depot. Either alternative would result in a loss of some $8 million from the $37 million annual savings now anticipated from the Army's plan. The Lexington Bluegrass phasedown has been underway for about two and a half years. Fewer than 40 percent of the employees for electronics maintenance now remain, and virtually all of the repair workload has been transferred. Given these facts, we could not reasonably justify a decision to reverse this action. Realigning activities to preserve Lexington Bluegrass at a level of activity approximating that which preceded the November 1974 decision would incur a one-time cost of approximately $79 million. An information sheet is attached.

The Lexington Bluegrass realignment decision is one of many required by the fact that our civilian and military personnel strengths have been reduced by some two million since the Vietnam era, with a corresponding reduction in workload and need for base support.

As a result of the Secretary of the Army's careful review, I am satisfied it would be unwise at this date to reverse the earlier decision to reduce activities at Lexington Bluegrass. You may be assured, however, that every effort will be made to minimize the impact on displaced employees and to assist them in seeking new employment.

Harold Brown

Attachment

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attachment to message

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March 28, 1977

Jim Schlesinger -

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Rick Hutcheson

Re: Weekly Activities Report of 3/25/77

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March 25, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JIM SCHLESINGER

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

Department of Energy

- SERI decision has gone surprisingly well with the disappointed contenders. Most continue to hope for a piece of the regional action;
- Detailed budgetary information and fiscal implications of the comprehensive energy plan have been developed and writing of the plan is now in progress;
- First House testimony on the DoE will take place this Monday before Jack Brook's Legislative and National Security Sub-Committee. (Once again I must ask permission to be excused from the Cabinet meeting.);
- It is rumored that Congressmen Udall, Ottinger, McCormick and Flowers may ask for a delay in Committee hearings on DoE until receipt of your April 20th energy plan.

Public Participation in Energy Policy Formulation

- To date approximately 20,000 written comments have been received in response to possible input for your energy message. Analysis of the written responses should be completed next week;
- Today, the last of the twenty-one Mini-Conferences conducted by the Energy Policy and Planning Staff were completed. A summary of oral testimony presented by the 400 participants is being prepared.

Federal Energy Administration

- Completed in Chicago and Denver the last of the ten Town Meetings held to solicit recommendations for possible inclusion in your energy policy. An estimated 2,791 persons attended the Meetings with statements presented by 806 individuals. Audience reaction was generally very favorable and media coverage was excellent;

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- Workshops were conducted in Rhode Island and Texas for three initial industries (laundry and drycleaning, apartments and automobile dealerships) to provide practical "dollar and cents" techniques for small businesses to conserve energy;

- Re-evaluating decision to exclude a Regional Product Reserve from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve Program following a meeting with representatives of New England Governors which produced strong recommendations to the contrary.

Energy Research and Development Administration

- Announced selection of Golden, Colorado, as the site for the Solar Energy Research Institute (SERI) to be managed and operated by Midwest Research Institute. Procurement is for a five year contract with first year costs estimated at $4-6 million;

- Second collision test was successfully conducted with no leakage occuring on the newly designed nuclear shipping cask;

- All Governors were advised of a forthcoming request for proposals to establish a two year pilot program on an Energy Extension Service. Ten States will be competitively chosen to participate in this Service which will provide information and assistance to encourage the use of energy conservation and alternative energy technologies at the State and local level;

- The enhanced recovery program has increased production rates by more than 100 barrels of oil a day using the "polymer slug" technique for tertiary recovery and an additional 500 barrels a day resulting from the secondary recovery technique of waterflooding.

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Secretary Califano -

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Re: Saccharin Ban
Florida State Plan for
Vocational Rehabilitation

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THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20201

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March 25, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Weekly Report on HEW Activities

The following is my weekly report on important activities within the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

PRESIDENTIAL BRIEFINGS

. Hale Champion and I met last week with Stu Eizenstat and Bert Carp and discussed problems surrounding short-term financing of the social security system. We all think it would be desirable for you to receive a briefing on this subject in the near future. I will send your staff a memo with specific suggestions about the date and length of the briefing.

PUBLIC EVENTS

. National Health Insurance Task Force. We expect to announce formation of a task force on National Health Insurance next week. This task force, unlike the Welfare Reform Consulting Group, will not be comprised solely of governmental officials, but will, instead, be broadly based, including representatives from concerned Congressional Committee staffs and from provider, insurer and consumer groups. The Under Secretary will chair the Task Force which should begin immediately to develop the background information that will be necessary for the Department to use in preparing your plan. There will also be an informed working group that will involve other Departments and agencies.

. Review of the Office for Civil Rights. The General Accounting Office (GAO) has completed a two-year study of the operations for the Office for Civil Rights, and we understand that it is highly critical of the enforcement effort, alleging weak management and policy gaps among other problems. The report will probably be forwarded next week to Senator Birch Bayh, who requested the GAO investigation. We expect Senator Bayh to then release it publicly. We are in the process of completing our own analysis of the Office for Civil Rights. I would expect that a significant reorganization will be effected within the next month or so. This work will be related to any OMB work on general Civil Rights reorganization.

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PUBLIC EVENTS (Continued)

. Florida State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation. Last week, I spoke personally with Governor Askew and advised him that I do not have the legal authority to waive the single state agency requirement for their vocational rehabilitation agency. This is the only bar to approving Florida's state plan for vocational rehabilitation services. Because the State has failed to submit a plan which meets the requirement, Federal funds for the program will be terminated on March 31. Prior to the March 31 cut-off date, Florida will probably seek a stay in Federal court. If granted, this action will prevent the cut-off of funds until the courts decide the case.

CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

. Cost Containment. We are beginning to focus in on the final details of your cost containment proposal. I expect to make basic decisions on the outline of the bill we will be forwarding to you within the next few weeks. We have been in constant contact with the Congress and with other interested parties as we have continued to refine our approach to this problem. As you know, any action in this area is going to spark controversy. It is my understanding that certain hospital lobbyists have already begun an intensive effort to place obstacles in the path of cost containment legislation.

. The Delaney Amendment. I have established an intra-agency task force to review the policies underlying the Delaney Amendment. We have had intensive mail on the proposed saccharin ban, running 99-1 against the ban. The Administration will have to take a position on this question within the next two months.

. Recombinant DNA Research. Dr. Donald Fredrickson, Director, National Institutes of Health, will testify before the House Subcommittee on Science, Research and Technology (Thornton) on Thursday, March 31, in the continuing investigation by several House and Senate committees into recombinant DNA research.

Joseph A. Califano, Jr.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 28, 1977

Secretary Adams

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Rick Hutcheson

Re: National Visitors Center

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THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

INFORMATION

March 25, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: Mr. Jack Watson

SUBJECT: DOT Issues for Presidential Review

This memorandum provides a status report on significant issues currently pending at the Department of Transportation.

Northeast Corridor

Work for the summer work period on the Northeast Corridor Project is scheduled to begin on March 31. I plan to visit a work site near Baltimore on that day to emphasize the importance the Administration gives to high-speed train service in the Corridor.

At my direction, funds for actual work on the track have been increased, adding 1,000 jobs to the 2,000 already planned. If additional money is appropriated by the Congress in the supplemental jobs appropriation bill, 3,000 more people could be put to work this summer.

National Visitor Center

Under the National Visitor Center Facilities Act of 1968, the Department of Interior has been responsible for the completion of this project. Parts of the project are now being held in abeyance, or are unusable until design and funding issues (particularly cost overruns and local share money) are resolved.

On April 5, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee is holding a hearing on one of these bills, S.562, The Union Station Improvement Act of 1977. The House Public Works Committee also wants testimony on this. In addition, the General Accounting Office is now completing a report on the Center. The report criticizes the financial and administrative management of the project, characterizing it as a disaster.

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I have examined the GAO report, informally discussed it with Secretary Andrus, and our staff people are meeting today. I have also informally discussed the Visitor Center matter with the Mayor and the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority (which has responsibility for the buses and subway using the Center).

The Congress will want this project corrected, and the Administration should take a position soon on who should be chiefly responsible for finishing construction and supervising the operation of the Station/Center. I will work closely with Secretary Andrus on this matter. Secretary Kreps' Public Works funding may also be necessary to provide the local financial assistance necessary to complete the project.

I do not favor any expansion of the project to include other functions, such as intercity buses at the present time.

Legislative Initiatives

The Congressional Budget Act requires the Department to submit by May 15, FY 1979 authorizations for DOT programs which are expiring. These include the Amtrak program, non-Interstate Highway programs, rail safety, pipeline safety, and deepwater ports.

As you know, I have been advocating, along with the appropriate Congressional Committees, some new directions for transportation, including a consolidated funding approach for surface transportation (highways, mass transit, and rail).

My current thinking is to send bills which only extend the current programs for one year, while working on a broader approach with interested Senators and Congressmen, Administration staff, and public interest groups. At the proper time later this year, a Presidential Message outlining this broader initiative could be appropriate. I will keep you abreast of my efforts in this regard.

Aviation Legislation: Regulatory Reform/Noise Abatement

On April 1, I will testify before Senator Cannon's Subcommittee of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee on aviation regulatory reform. Representative Anderson's Subcommittee of the House Public Works Committee is not proceeding with this bill. However, Congressman Anderson has asked me to testify on April 28 on the Administration's position on how the airline industry will finance the retrofit or replacement of aircraft that must be corrected over the next eightyears because they will not meet the Aircraft Noise Standards (FAR 36) which went into effect January 1, 1977.

The Department is currently working on a decision as to whether and how the airlines should be assisted to meet the noise problem. If a decision were reached which included Federal Assistance (as was proposed by the Ford Administration) this could be a positive environmental proposal for this Administration. I will be circulating proposals and options to the interested agencies which include CEA, OMB, EPA, Treasury. In the meantime, I will send a letter of encouragement to the House Committee indicating the Administration's interest in solving the problems.

We should expect that the House and Senate bills on aviation will cross with each side working on the other's bill after it has completed work on the one it has started.

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March 28, 1977

The Attorney General

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Re: Court Reform, Organized Crime, etc.

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Court reform, etc?
Fed crime, etc?

Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

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March 25, 1977

Re: Principal activities of the Department of Justice for the week of March 21 through 25

1. Meetings and appearances of the Attorney General

The Attorney General made a speech before the Harvard Law Review on Saturday, March 19, on the general subject of antitrust law enforcement.

On Sunday, March 20, the Attorney General attended the Gridiron reception and later spoke that evening to the First Baptist International Visitors Service.

The Attorney General spoke at the graduation ceremonies of the Federal Bureau of Investigation training academy at Quantico, Virginia, on Thursday, March 24.

During the past week, the Attorney General has discussed the concerns and priorities of the Department of Justice with a number of particular groups, including, representatives of the National Black Police Officers Association; representatives of the National Center for State Courts; participants in the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute; representatives of a Religious and Secular Civil Rights Coalition (Mr. Halperin, Mr. Stevens, Ms. DeCrow, Ms. Tiger, Reverend Adams and Mr. Sheehan); and representatives of the Council for Public Interest Law.

The Attorney General held a luncheon with representatives from the Tax Division of the Department of Justice on Tuesday, March 22.

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On Tuesday, the Attorney General accompanied Deputy Attorney General-Designate Peter Flaherty to the opening session of Mr. Flaherty's Senate confirmation hearings. The Senate Judiciary Committee later recommended approval of Mr. Flaherty's nomination and a vote is expected early next week.

2. Illegal Alien Task Force

At the Attorney General's direction, representatives of the Department of Justice have been meeting weekly with representatives of the Department of Labor at Secretary Marshall's direction. Other interested Cabinet Department representatives have also participated in the discussions, including the Department of State, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, representatives of the Domestic Policy Staff and the Secretary to the Cabinet's office. It is anticipated that Secretary Marshall and the Attorney General, and perhaps others, will hold a Cabinet level conference (tentatively on April 5) to prepare a letter to the President making certain policy and legislative recommendations to deal comprehensively with the illegal alien problem.

3. The Solicitor General

Judge Wade McCree will be sworn-in as the Solicitor General of the United States at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, March 28. Chief Justice Warren Burger will administer the oath.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 28, 1977

Secretary Andrus -

The attached was returned in the President's outbox. It is forwarded to you for appropriate handling.

Rick Hutcheson

Re: Corp of Engineers - 404 permit
Redwood Park
Civil Service Commission

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

CC
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Andrus

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

WASHINGTON

March 25, 1977

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: The Secretary of the Interior

SUBJECT: Major Topics for the Week of March 21

Conducted the Garrison water project hearings in Jamestown. I also toured the project area to determine the extent of completion and damage. Recommendations on this project and the others will be in your office prior to April 8th.

Your drought legislation was presented to the Congress and the public on March 23, 1977, and was well received. I did spend some time with Senator Jackson and he was receptive to our point of view. (After some discussion, that is.)

I met with the people from OMB, CEQ, the Corps of Engineers and White House Staff with regards to the 404 permit system. When I discovered that not one of them had been West of the Mississippi, I realized what the problem was. We resolved the problem and, in my opinion, averted another clash over water.

I have met with the industry principals and the environmental communities on the Redwood Park controversy. The industry people advise me that they can't grant a moratorium, so therefore, I believe I should request it and be turned down--not you. If you feel differently please advise me at the Cabinet meeting. Otherwise, I will request a 180 day moratorium on Monday.

Zbig's briefing was great and I would suggest that he give us another section from his lecture series at a later date. We might even receive college credits.

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The House Interior Committee, complete with Udall, Seiberling, Burton, and others spent 3 hours in our building looking and listening. A definite plus!

After our reduction in numbers and GS-levels, I am having trouble with the Civil Service Commission on the levels of three employees. I may have to trouble you for intervention, but I will try once again to resolve the matter.

ok

This week I appeared only once on the Hill for 1 1/2 hours with 3 hours of preparation.

Attached is a compilation of our reduction in paper work man-hours. The report has been transmitted to OMB.

Cecil D. Andrus

CECIL D. ANDRUS
SECRETARY

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SUMMARY OF BUREAU AND OFFICE RESPONSES

ANNUAL MAN-HOUR BURDEN IMPOSED ON THE PUBLIC
BY DEPARTMENT RECURRING REPORTS AND FORMS

BUREAU/ OFFICE	ANNUAL MAN-HOUR BURDEN		
	TOTAL BURDEN CURRENTLY IMPOSED	REDUCTIONS TO DATE	ADDITIONAL REDUCTION PLANNED BY 9-30-77
1/ USGS	602,404	--	55,000
MINES	188,220	4,425	918
MESA	179,128	12,512	20,572
FWS	136,623	5,563	8,624
BLM	122,761	8,800	--
1/ RECL	39,300	--	125
NPS	2,733	500	--
A/S-PBA			
AJC (JOB CORP.)	30,000	750	--
2/ AMP (PROPERTY PROCUR)	2,000	--	200
TOTAL	1,303,169	32,550	85,439
			32,550
			117,989 TOTAL

1/ Task force in progress to achieve reduction by 9/30/77.

2/ Relocation Reimbursement Claim Form -- too early to determine actual reduction.

Cecil D. Andrus
Dept. of Interior

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 25, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Jack Watson Jack

RE: Cabinet Summaries for Week of March 21 - 25, 1977

I am attaching summaries received from the following Departments:

Agriculture
Defense
Energy
Treasury

Also attached is Harold Brown's memorandum indicating that upon review he supports an earlier decision to reduce activities at the Lexington Bluegrass Army Depot.

Attachments

cc: The Vice President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 26, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Jack Watson

RE: Additional Cabinet Summaries for Week of March 21 - 25, 1977

I am attaching summaries received after you left for Camp David, from the following:

Interior
Justice
Labor
Transportation
United Nations
HEW
HUD
CEA

Attachments

cc: The Vice President

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Cabinet mtg
3-28-77

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→ Cabinet format
> D.C. - V.P.
→ Consultants
→ Dr Haber - Farm / Nuclear / Reg
> staff size - minorities - women
→ CEQ - Environmental msg Tuesday good
> paperwork reduction
> Blumenthal regulations read
> Andrus - 404 permits?
> Deregulation pkg - need?
> Energy - $50 rebate
> Hess - DoE (FPC)
> food stamp purchase requirement
> Moe contact - Congress
Cederberg amend.
LWR → Dosi re Nukes
> Cy Trip - ⊖ Brazil
Brown - Col → Jaure
Seybeau → FRC
> Cabinet inform staff
> Military discharge

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Mell - fyi

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

Mr. President --

Rosalynn left a message a couple of times with Nell for you to call back.

She wanted to point out that ROSTROPOVICH was performing tonight at the Kennedy Center...and that she'd be more than happy to forego her speedreading course tonight (in lieu of tomorrow when she'll be out of town) in order to go with you if you wanted to attend the performance.

Are you interested?

-- ssc

Susan
Well go
Will arrange
J

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fg 3/28/77

ok
J.C.

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WASHINGTON

MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING

Monday, March 28, 1977

The tenth meeting of the Cabinet was called to order by the President at 9:04 a.m., Monday, March 28, 1977. All but three Cabinet members were present. Mr. Schlesinger was absent, Mr. Vance was represented by Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Ambassador Young was represented by Don McHenry. Ms. Harris was present for the beginning of the meeting but had to leave prior to commenting on HUD activities. Other persons present were:

Joe Aragon	Bob Lipshutz
Zbigniew Brzezinski	Bunny Mitchell
Hugh Carter	Dick Moe
Jane Frank	Frank Moore
Rex Granum	Frank Press
Hamilton Jordan	Charles Schultze
Jim King	Stansfield Turner
Tim Kraft	Jack Watson

The President asked Cabinet members for their comments, beginning with the Deputy Secretary of State.

1. Mr. Christopher reported on the early part of Mr. Vance's trip to Moscow. Mr. Vance meets with Mr. Brezhnev today.

- So far, the Departments of State and Defense have received only fragmentary reports on the air disaster yesterday in the Canary Islands.

- Mr. Christopher described our ongoing efforts to monitor the situation in Zaire.

The President said he has high hopes for Mr. Vance's trip, and that he believes the U. S. proposal is well balanced.

2. Mr. Andrus stated that preparations for the Cumberland Island trip are complete.

- He is about to make a decision on the Redwood Park issue which was discussed at the last Cabinet meeting.

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- He is sending a memorandum to the President shortly on the natural gas issue.

- The President and Mr. Andrus discussed requirements for securing "404 permits" for dredge and fill activities pursuant to the Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972.

3. Mr. Califano reported on the timetable for review of the saccharin decision. He noted also that, at the request of Senator Kennedy, the Office of Technology Assessment is independently reviewing the health problems, if any, associated with saccharin. In addition, HEW is doing an analysis of the Delaney clause, the merits and demerits of which have been highlighted by the saccharin proposal.

Mr. Califano reported that HEW has received more letters on the saccharin decision than on any other issue -- including Southern school desegreation -- in its history. Although most of the mail has been against the FDA ruling, some members of the scientific community are now supporting the proposal to ban saccharin.

- Mr. Califano discussed the emerging issue of desegregation of post-secondary schools. Several court decisions on the subject have been handed down, and HEW is now operating under a sixty-day time limit to produce guidelines on the issue. The President, Attorney General Bell and Ms. Harris discussed the complexity and the ramifications of the issue.

- Mr. Califano reminded Cabinet members of the concerns of the handicapped and noted the White House conference on the handicapped which is scheduled for mid-May.

4. Mr. Schultze reported that his update of the 1977-78 economic forecast is almost complete. He outlined certain highlights of the 1977 forecast which underscore the importance of the President's economic stimulus package.

- He stated that the tax rebate proposal still faces difficulty on the Hill. He is having lunch with Senator Bumpers today and hopes to dissuade him from offering an amendment to eliminate the rebate. The President repeated his willingness to talk to members of Congress about the proposal and asked Mr. Schultze to let him know what phone calls would be helpful.

5. Dr. Brzezinski said that the NSC has just completed two major reviews -- one on Latin America; the other on arms sales. A report is expected this week on the Presidential Review Memorandum regarding arms sales.

- Eight Presidential Directives in the national security area have been issued to date, the latest concerning the SALT II negotiations. Since some of these directives require follow-up by members of the Cabinet, Dr. Brzezinski will send reminders to the Cabinet.

- Dr. Brzezinski briefly discussed the recent meeting of the NSC Policy Review Commission on Latin America, chaired by Warren Christopher. The U.S. approach to Latin America is changing. Whereas we have previously pursued a "regional" policy, we will now pursue a "bilateral" and "global" policy; bilateral in the sense of dealing with individual countries on a basis of mutual interest and concern; and global in the sense of regarding Latin American countries in a world, rather than a hemispheric, context.

- In coordination with the State Department, the NSC has been meeting with an inter-agency group on China policy.

- Dr. Brzezinski summarized recent meetings he has had with leaders of the Jewish community on our Middle East policy.

The President described his recent meeting with a Ford Foundation study group on nuclear power and his interest in steps to promote non-proliferation.

6. Mr. Marshall discussed the threat of a longshoremen's strike, the underlying cause of which is dissatisfaction with an NLRB decision which the Supreme Court has declined to review. He is meeting today with the union president and certain employers to try to ameliorate the situation.

- Mr. Marshall discussed the defeat of the situs picketing bill in the House and its effect on the building trades industry.

- He indicated that all Presidential employees are now confirmed at DOL and chairpersons have been named for the NLRB and Federal Maritime Conciliation Service.

- He spent part of Friday as an OSHA inspector in South Philadelphia and benefited greatly from the experience. In discussing the issue, the President suggested that the OSHA "citation" might be renamed -- in order to connote something constructive rather than something punitive.

7. Attorney General Bell reported that the program to upgrade Vietnam military discharges should be ready this week.

- He will be ready to announce composition of the circuit court selection commissions this week.

- Judge Wade McCree will be sworn in as Solicitor General today by Chief Justice Warren Burger.

- Peter Flaherty should be confirmed by the Senate today and sworn in on Thursday as Deputy Attorney General.

- Mr. Bell described the functions of two offices at the Department of Justice -- the Office of Professional Responsibility, which looks into complaints against Justice personnel; and the Office of Public Integrity, which looks into malfeasance by public officials. He urged Cabinet members to refer appropriate cases or inquiries to him.

8. The Vice President said he has received reports from most of the Cabinet members regarding the Administration's proposed six-month agenda. He expects to have a preliminary agenda to present to the President sometime next week.

9. The President has asked the Vice President to chair a comprehensive study of the District of Columbia government. He asked Cabinet members to assist the Vice President in every way possible. Messrs. Bell and Califano commented on the importance and difficulty of the project.

10. Mr. Blumenthal underscored the extent of Congressional opposition to the tax rebate proposal. The President and Vice President discussed the importance of keeping the Economic Stimulus Package intact. The Vice President suggested that Cabinet members use every opportunity to speak in favor of the package generally and the rebate specifically.

- The EPG has completed work on the economic portion of the materials for the economic summit. The EPG meets this afternoon to discuss shoe imports; the President will attend the meeting.

- Mr. Blumenthal pointed out that, based on his observation, virtually all personnel at the top levels of the Civil Service are white males. He stressed the need to work with the new head of the Civil Service Commission to change the situation. Mr. Brown said that many of the Civil Service rules need to be revised. The President reminded Cabinet

members of his recent memorandum on hiring women and minority persons above the GS-15 level. The Attorney General suggested that the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, Drew Days, meet with the new Civil Service Board. Mr. Blumenthal added that it would be helpful for an inter-Cabinet group to be established to work on this issue.

The President congratulated Mr. Blumenthal on his initiatives to reduce paperwork at the Treasury Department. As he stated in his recent communication to the Cabinet dated March 21, the President wants a report by March 31 from all Cabinet members on steps to reduce paperwork in their respective departments. The steps should be implemented, to the fullest extent possible, by the end of the year.

11. Mr. Bergland reported that the Administration's bill has generated considerable criticism from the Hill, particularly with respect to the support price levels on wheat and rice.

- DOA's food stamp proposals will be ready by Friday and should eliminate one-third to one-half of the paperwork involved in getting food stamps.

Mr. Bergland alerted the Cabinet that if the Delaney Clause comes up for review, an effort may be made to include tobacco in addition to food, drugs and cosmetics now subject to the clause.

12. Mr. Lance reminded Cabinet members to send in their reports on spending so that OMB can estimate shortfalls for the current fiscal year.

- Mr. Lance discussed the status of the reorganization bill on the Hill and suggested that there be a Cabinet briefing on reorganization next week. He will coordinate plans for such a briefing with Jack Watson.

The President complimented the progress being made in zero based budgeting. He noted two excellent briefings--one by Secretary Califano on welfare reform problems and another by Jim Schlesinger on energy.

Mr. Califano added his comments on the Civil Service Commission. He sees problems at both ends of the employment scale. At the top level, people who were formerly Schedule C appointees are now protected; at the entry level, bright

young college graduates are having to wait six to eighteen months before getting federal jobs. As a result, many of the young people are going to business, industry, and elsewhere.

13. Mr. Adams said that most of the controversial decisions held over from the Ford Administration will be decided by July 1st.

- He will make a decision on the St. Louis airport later this week.

- He is asking Congress to defer action on a comprehensive transportation package until the DOT FY 78 budget is approved.

- Mr. Adams plans site visits along the Northeast corridor and through the D. C. subway this week. He is eager to expedite completion of both projects.

- He described the need to coordinate legislative action in the House and Senate on airplane noise and air emissions.

The President asked for Mr. Adams' response to his recent memorandum questioning the need for new, elaborate and tremendously expensive transportation systems. Mr. Adams outlined some of his efforts -- including negotiations with California's Governor Brown -- to have states designate lanes of highways for buses and mass transit uses. Mr. Schultze noted that it might be in order to consider a change in the way the federal government subsidizes transportation. Mr. Brown cited a survey last year by the Office of Technology Assessment on rapid transmit systems and commended it to Mr. Adams.

14. Ms. Kreps said that it would be more productive and useful to discuss longer-range issues and policy decisions at Cabinet meetings. She will be prepared shortly to present a brief report on the interagency review of the Puerto Rico situation.

- She outlined steps that Commerce is taking on two long-term issues: regulatory reform and a program to increase productivity. On the former, Commerce is trying to examine the impacts of regulations on industry and the economy; the quality of information that goes into regulations; the

capacity to transfer some responsibilities to the states; and the efficacy of greater incentives to the private sector to do its own regulating.

15. Mr. Brown briefly discussed his recent trip to Western Europe. Mr. Brown believes that the United States Army in Europe is in a better readiness posture than it was two years ago. It is not a large force, and there is still considerable room for improvement. He described some of the latest developments on early warning systems for the NATO countries.

- Mr. Brown summarized the expected House Committee action on the Defense budget and his efforts to get House Committee approval of the Administration figures. He suggested that it would be useful for the President to speak to several Committee members, including Budget Committee Chairman Giaimo. The President asked Mr. Brown to send a memorandum to Stu Eizenstat on the subject.

16. The President asked Cabinet members to send him through Jack Watson any comments on the current format of Cabinet meetings. He said these meetings are extremely useful to him, and noted that seventeen of the twenty-one items on his list to be covered at today's meeting had already been covered by Cabinet members.

17. The President stressed once again his concern with inflation. He is determined to balance the budget by 1981. He urged Cabinet members to work with him on developing a cohesive anti-inflationary policy generally and, specifically, to assess the inflationary impacts of their own programs.

18. The President asked Cabinet members to keep their own checkoff list based on Cabinet meetings. He does not plan to remind Cabinet members of all the tasks that require follow-up.

He stressed the need for Cabinet members to learn from each other, and underscored the value of presentations on concepts by Cabinet members. Those who are interested in giving a presentation should let Jack Watson know.

The President urged Cabinet members to move quickly to get their major policy initiatives on the table. He stressed the advantage of taking controversial positions now, and moving to harmonize later.

He noted that over the weekend he wrote to Democratic Senators urging them to set up merit selection plans for federal district court judges.

Attorney General Bell noted that several DOJ proposals -- a wiretap bill and a program for dealing with undocumented workers -- will not be ready by April 1. The President said he expected some delay in other areas as well but was anxious to meet as many of the deadlines as possible. Mr. Califano indicated that he was expediting his hospital cost containment proposal at the request of the Congress.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Watson

Jack Watson

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 29, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STU EIZENSTAT

SUBJECT: Zbigniew Brzezinski memo re Concert in Your Honor and Dedicated to Human Rights

While I have no strong disagreement with Dr. Brzezinski's recommendation and would defer to his expertise in this area, I have the following concerns:

A) Would this encourage a rash of other such offers?

B) Would there be political difficulties in finding an appropriate cause to which the funds could be dedicated? (There are a number of religious organizations which have resettlement programs for Russian and other immigrants.)

C) If SALT negotiations are transpiring between September 17 and November 17, would the Soviet Union misinterpret the intent of the concert?

D) Would the concert appear to be raising the issue of human rights to the level of the theatrical?

If such a concert is given and the President attends, it would seem to me that no public statement by the President should be made at the occasion of the concert.

Date: March 28, 1977

MEMORANDUM

FOR ACTION:
Stu Eizenstat
Bob Lipshutz
Tim Kraft

FOR INFORMATION:

FROM: Rick Hutcheson, Staff Secretary

SUBJECT: Zbigniew Brzezinski memo 3/26 re Concert in Your Honor and Dedicated to Hman Rights.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE STAFF SECRETARY BY:
TIME: IMMEDIATE TURNAROUND
DAY:
DATE:

ACTION REQUESTED:
__X__ Your comments
Other:

STAFF RESPONSE:
____ I concur. ____ No comment.
Please note other comments below:

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CANCELLED PER E.O. 12356, SEC. 1.3 AND
ARCHIVIST'S MEMO OF MARCH 16, 1983"

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately. (Telephone, 7052)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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March 26, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI ZB.

SUBJECT: Concert in Your Honor and Dedicated to Human Rights

Mstislav Rostropovich, the Director of the National Symphony Orchestra in the Kennedy Center, whom I know, has spoken to me about dedicating a concert in your honor. It would be an expression of admiration for your dedication to human rights and the proceeds would be donated in their entirety to a cause designated by you.

The concert could be held at any point September 17 to November 17. Mstislav Rostropovich is in this country and ready to perform himself (cello).

In my judgment, this could be a rather stirring occasion and we could easily make certain that it is not turned into a political demonstration but is merely an expression of support for certain basic values.

Please indicate whether you wish me and probably either Bob Lipshutz or Stu Eisenstat to proceed forward with this or whether you would prefer that I discourage Rostropovich.

_____ PROCEED _____ DISCOURAGE

Attachment

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CANCELLED PER E.O. 12356, SEC. 1.3 AND
ARCHIVIST'S MEMO OF [illegible] 16, 1982"

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MSTISLAV ROSTROPOVICH

NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR
THE PERFORMING ARTS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20566
202—785-8100

March 25, 1977

Mr. Zbigniew Brzezinski
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Brzezinski:

I am full of admiration at President Carter's defense of human rights. I am not a political man, and political speeches are not my profession. I am a musician, and as such I would be pleased to dedicate a concert in honor of President Carter.

This concert could be held wherever the President's friends decide, and the proceeds could be donated to any organization of the President's choice.

I will be leaving the States soon and will return on September 17, to remain until November 17. If you agree, I could give the concert during this period.

Sincerely yours,

M. Rostropovich

Mstislav Rostropovich

WASHINGTON

Date: March 28, 1977

MEMORANDUM

FOR ACTION:
Stu Eizenstat
Bob Lipshutz
Tim Kraft

FOR INFORMATION:

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TIME: IMMEDIATE TURNAROUND
DAY:
DATE:

ACTION REQUESTED:
__X__ Your comments
Other:

STAFF RESPONSE:
____ I concur. ____ No comment.
Please note other comments below:

We don't have to confirm any arrangement with Rostropovich before he leaves the country — we can contact him a little closer to Sept. — Nov. concert period — Let's hold off on a definite commitment until mid-summer — why?

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 28, 1977

Hamilton Jordan

The attached was returned in the President's outbox. It is forwarded to you for appropriate handling.

Rick Hutcheson

cc: Jim King

Re: Appointment of FEA Deputy for Programs - Gorman C. Smith

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 25, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HAMILTON JORDAN HJ

SUBJECT: Appointment of FEA Deputy for Programs

In the attached memorandum Jim Schlesinger has recommended the appointment of Gorman C. Smith as Deputy Administrator for Programs of FEA.

Mr. Smith has the strong support of the current head of FEA, Mr. O'Leary, and served at the AEC prior to being appointed to FEA. Both Schlesinger and O'Leary agree he would be a good choice for this position. I recommend you approve his appointment.

APPROVE ✓

DISAPPROVE _____

DISCUSS _____

Attachment

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 24, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JIM SCHLESINGER JS

SUBJECT: Appointment of Federal Energy Administration Deputy for Programs

Subject to your approval I am recommending Mr. Gorman C. Smith as a Deputy Administrator for Programs at the Federal Energy Administration.

Mr. Smith is currently serving as Acting Deputy Administrator at the Federal Energy Administration and has a wealth of Government experience and a distinguished career in the energy field.

I am sure that he will be a valuable addition to your Administration as we confront our Nation's energy problems in the months and years ahead.

Attachments: Resume and other pertinent data

A. BIOGRAPHICAL:

1. Name: Gorman Curtis Smith

2. Address: 3704 S. 12th Street
Arlington, Virginia 22204

3. Date and Place of Birth: 9/24/28, Durant, Oklahoma

4. Marital Status: Married to Mary James Smith

5. Names and Ages of Children:

Sharon Smith, age 21
Glen Smith, age 24

6. Education:

Southeastern State College, Durant, Oklahoma, 1946-47, no degree

U.S. Military Academy, West Point, 1947-51, BS (1951)

Columbia University, 1955-57, MA (1957)

Columbia University, 1962-63, PhD (1964)

7. Employment Record:

4/74 - present:	Federal Energy Administration, Washington, D.C. 20461; Acting Deputy Administrator and Assistant Administrator, Regulatory Programs
9/73 - 4/74:	Atomic Energy Commission, Germantown, Maryland, Executive Assistant to the Chairman
9/69 - 9/73:	Information Concepts, Inc., 1970 N. Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, Virginia, Vice President
7/69 - present:	United States Army Reserve, Brigadier General
7/69 - 9/73:	Senate Armed Services Committee, Consultant
9/67 - 9/73:	University College, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, economics instructor part-time for classes held after duty hours at on-post education center
9/63 - 5/64:	University of Kansas Extension Division, Lawrence, Kansas, economics instructor part-time for classes held after duty hours at on-post education center

9/61 - 6/62: University of Maryland Extension Division, Seoul, Korea, economics instructor part-time for classes held after duty hours at on-post education center

6/51 - 7/69: US Army, TAGO, Washington, D.C.; military duties: last assignment was Deputy Director, Compensation and Career Development, OSD, 3/66 - 7/69; command and staff assignments from 1951 - 1966

8. Government Experience: see item 7 above

9. Memberships:

American Association for Public Opinion Research, 817 Broadway, New York, New York 10003, 1/73 - 1/74

American Economic Association, Chicago, Illinois, 1955 - present

President, Graduate Economics Society, Columbia University, New York, 1954 - 1955

Association of the U.S. Army, 1951 - present

Association of Graduates, U.S. Military Academy, 1951 - present

Senior Reserve Commanders Association (USAR), 1971 - present

Officers Open Messes, 1951 - present

Reserve Officers Association, 1970 - present

10. Honors and Awards:

Two Distinguished Service Awards presented by the Federal Energy Administration (Administrators Sawhill and Zarb), 1974 and 1976

Military: Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (3), Purple Heart (2)

11. Published Writings:

"Utility Theory, Decision Theory, and Profit Maximization," American Economic Review, September 1959

"Modernizing Military Pay," Report of First Quadrennial Review of Military Compesnation, Department of Defense, November 1967

"The Nation's Energy Future," Report to President Nixon on Energy Research and Development, Atomic Energy Commission, December 1, 1973

B. PERSONAL DATA:

1. Have your federal or state tax returns been the subject of any audit or investigation or inquiry at any time?

Yes: 1971 and 1972 returns were audited routinely in October 1973, resulting in additional payment of $192.88 plus interest of $11.83 for 1971 and $43.87 plus interest of $9.42 for 1972, caused by adjustments to deductions.

2. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state or local authorities?

No.

3. Have you ever been arrested, charged or held by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities for violation of any federal, state, county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance? If so, please give full details (do not include traffic violations for which a fine of $25 or less was imposed).

No.

4. Are you currently under federal, state, or local investigation for a possible violation of a criminal statute? If so, please give full details.

No.

5. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by, or been the subject of a complaint to, any court, administrative agency, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If so, please give full details.

No.

6. Have you ever been involved in civil litigation, or administrative or legislative proceedings of any kind, either as plaintiff, defendant, respondent, witness or party in interest, which may be sufficiently controversial or so intimately related to the area of work for which you are being considered, that your involvement may be appropriate for consideration by the committee of the Senate to which your nomination will be submitted? If so, please give full details.

No. Have been named as defendant in numerous civil actions lodged against Federal Energy Administration in my official capacity, but no personal suits.

7. What is the condition of your health?

Excellent.

Have you had a physical examination recently?

Yes--May 1976. Have annual physical examination as Army reservist.

8. Have you ever had psychiatric or similar treatment?

No.

9. Without details, is there or has there been anything in your personal life which you feel, if known, may be of embarrassment to the Administration in the event you should be nominated?

No.

What about any near relative?

No.

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WASHINGTON

March 28, 197

Hamilton Jordan

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Rick Hutcheson

Re: Appointment of FEA Regulatory Assistant Administrator Robert Nordhaus

cc: Jim King

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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March 25, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HAMILTON JORDAN HJ.

SUBJECT: Appointment of FEA Regulatory Assistant Administrator

In the attached memorandum Jim Schlesinger recommends the appointment of Robert Nordhaus as Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs at the FEA.

Mr. Nordhaus has the strong support of the current head of FEA, Mr. O'Leary, and he and Jim agree Nordhaus would be a good choice for the position. Nordhaus has served as Counsel to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and has experience in the legislative area. I recommend you approve his appointment.

APPROVE V

DISAPPROVE _____

DISCUSS _____ JC

Attachment

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WASHINGTON

March 24, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JIM SCHLESINGER JS

SUBJECT: Appointment of Federal Energy Administration Regulatory Assistant Administrator

Subject to your approval I am recommending the appointment of Mr. Robert R. Nordhaus as an Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs at the Federal Energy Administration.

Mr. Nordhaus has a background of legislative experience having served as Counsel, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and a member of the staff of the Office of the Legislative Counsel, United States House of Representatives.

He has participated in the drafting and legislative processes which enacted many of the statutory regulations which he will have the responsibility of implementing at the Federal Energy Administration.

I am sure that he will be a valuable addition to your Administration as we confront all of our Nation's energy problems in the months and years ahead.

Attachments: Resume and other pertinent data

Biographical:

1. Name: Robert Riggs Nordhaus

2. Address: 623 East Capitol Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

3. Date and Place of Birth: Age 39, born March 27, 1937 in Albuquerque, New Mexico

4. Marital Status: married to Jean Friedberg Nordhaus

5. Children: Ronald Edward Nordhaus (11)
Hannah Elizabeth Nordhaus (8)

6. Education: Legal--Yale Law School, New Haven, Conn. (1960-1963), Ll.B. 1963

Undergraduate--Stanford University, Stanford, Calif. (1955-1959), B.A. 1960

7. Employment: January 1975 to present--
Counsel, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, United States House of Representatives.

September 1963 to December 1974--
Office of the Legislative Counsel, United States House of Representatives.

Assistant Counsel, 1967-1974
Law Assistant, 1963-1966

Summers, 1962-1963--law clerk, Nordhaus and Moses (present address--American Bank of Commerce Building, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

April-September 1960--Active duty U.S. Army 2nd Lt., U.S. Army Ordnance Corps, Aberdeen Md.

Summer, 1958--architectural draftsman, Flatow, Moore, Byron, and Fairburn, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

8. Government Experience: See above.

9. Memberships: State Bar of New Mexico
Yale Law School Association of Washington
Friendship House Community Credit Union
Institute of International Relations, Stanford University

10. Honors and Awards: None worthy of White House attention.

11. Published Writings: None.

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March 28, 1977

Stu Eizenstat -

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Rick Hutcheson

cc: Frank Moore
Bob Lipshutz

Presidential Authority in International Route Decisions

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 25, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STUART EIZENSTAT

SUBJECT: Presidential Authority in International Route Decisions

Prepared at Your Request

You have asked about the provisions in the Cannon/ Kennedy bill that would repeal the President's authority in international route decisions.

Our testimony strongly opposes repeal. The Department of Transportation is preparing extensive remarks on the subject. Apparently neither Senator Cannon nor Kennedy feels strongly about the provision, and most witnesses are placing all their attention on the regulatory reform portions of the bill. I believe that we will succeed in eliminating the provision at the markup.

Let's do

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March 28, 1977

Mrs. Carter -

The attached was returned in the President's outbox and is forwarded to you for your attention.

Rick Hutcheson

cc: Tim Kraft
Fran Voorde

Re: National Women's Political Caucus Reception 3/30/77

THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 26, 1977

TO: The President

FROM: Fran fran

RE: National Women's Political Caucus Reception
Wednesday, March 30

Staff suggests the following format for the brief appearance you and Mrs. Carter will make:

The President introduces Mrs. Carter (brief remarks 1-2 minutes.)

Mrs. Carter responds with a brief statement (2-3 minutes).

This would be followed by informal handshaking (brief) and departure.

In that the Reception honors Women in Government, we thought your introducing Rosalynn would tie in nicely.

Remarks will be prepared for both of you on Monday if you approve of this format.

Let Ros decide

_____ V _____ yes _____ no

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cc: Tim Kraft

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 28, 1977

Fran Voorde -

The attached was returned in the President's outbox. It is forwarded to you for appropriate handling.

Rick Hutcheson

cc: Bert Lance
Tim Kraft

Re: Savings Bond Drive

THE WHITE HOUSE
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You currently have a monthly deduction from your check for a $100 savings bond co-owned by you and Rosalynn.

-- ssc

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March 26, 1977

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TO: The President

FROM: Fran

RE: Federal Savings Bond Drive --- Bert Lance

Bert Lance will use his scheduled time with you Tuesday to do several things relating to Federal employee participation in Savings Bond Drive.

He seeks guidance on the following:

You have been asked to set an example by participating yourself in this program. There are 2 options if you agree to do so.

OPTION 1: Purchase a Savings Bond outright --- Personal check for $18.75 purchases $25 Bond; personal check for $37.50 purchases $50 Bond. It has been suggested you may wish to do this in the name of your new grandson.

_____yes _____no

OPTION 2: Authorize a monthly deduction from your Federal paycheck for Savings Bonds.

This is the option the Savings Bond Division at Treasury is encouraging you and other Federal employees to do. (6% interest)

Susan ck on this

_____yes _____no

already $100.00 bond/month

cc: Tim Kraft

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March 28, 1977

Peter Bourne -

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Rick Hutcheson

cc: Stu Eizenstat
Jack Watson

Re: Message re Drugs

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3-28-77

To Peter Bourne

We should prepare an overall message - Domestic & foreign Prevention & law enforcement Legal & health/prescription re drugs -

Maybe to Congress.

Please comment -

J

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