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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 25, 1978

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HUGH CARTER

SUBJECT: Weekly Mail Report (Per Your Request)

Below are statistics on Presidential and First Family:

INCOMING	WEEK ENDING 8/18	WEEK ENDING 8/25
Presidential	15,350	15,290
First Lady	1,510	1,605
Amy	140	150
Other First Family	90	75
TOTAL	17,090	17,120
BACKLOG		
Presidential	2,920	2,645
First Lady	185	445*
Amy	0	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL	3,105	3,090
DISTRIBUTION OF PRESIDENTIAL MAIL ANALYZED		
Agency Referrals	10%	13%
WH Correspondence	42%	40%
Unanswerable Mail	18%	19%
White House Staff	6%	5%
Other	24%	23%
TOTAL	100%	100%
NOT INCLUDED ABOVE		
Form Letters	1,533	1,700
Form Post Cards	1,235	2,505
Mail Addressed to White House Staff	17,298	16,870

cc: Senior Staff

* Includes 250 Birthday Cards

MAJOR ISSUES IN
CURRENT PRESIDENTIAL ADULT MAIL
Week Ending 8/25/78

ISSUES	PRO	CON	COMMENT ONLY	NUMBER LETTERS
Support for Indictments of Members of the Church of Scientology (1)	0	100%	0	311
Support for President's Position re: Capital Gains Tax	6%	83%	11%	104
Support for President's Proposal to Increase Aid for Financing Higher Education	20%	80%	0	92
Support for President's Statement re: Tobacco Subsidies	11%	89%	0	82
Support for President's Position re: National Health Insurance	53%	34%	13%	59
			TOTAL	648

(1) SUPPORT FOR INDICTMENTS OF CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY MEMBERS (100% Con)

In an apparent write-in campaign members of the Church of Scientology contend that their Church should be commended, rather than criminally prosecuted, and that they are being denied their freedom of religion.

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WASHINGTON

August 25, 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Jerry Rafshoon

SUBJECT: Postal Strikes

I agree with your economic advisors that we should stay out of the postal settlement process unless there is a strike.

However, if there is a strike, I feel very strongly that you must get involved quickly and forcefully. You cannot be in a position of inaction in the face of an illegal strike by your own employees. Furthermore, mail service is considered an essential public service and must be maintained with minimal disruption. Nixon's forceful action in the 1970 strike will be the standard against which we will be measured.

In the event of <u>any</u> strikes I suggest:

1. You immediately deplore the action;

2. You put the appropriate contingency plans into effect within 24 hours (even if only limited local actions are required.)

I know that there are concerns about the reaction of Labor but your leadership in the face of a serious national problem is in question here and we should not err on the side of excessive caution.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: LANDON BUTLER

DATE: AUGUST 25, 1978

SUBJECT: POSTAL NEGOTIATIONS

The membership of the American Postal Workers Union (APWU) has voted to reject the proposed postal contract: the vote was approximately 94,000-78,000. As you know, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) voted down the contract earlier this week.

I have talked this morning to Wayne Horvitz, Ray Marshall, Charlie Schultze, Bob Strauss and Barry Bosworth, and we all agree that we can expect the following sequence of events in the next few days:

--At 2:00pm today, Wayne Horvitz will begin meeting with the parties to begin seeking a resolution to the dispute. It is likely that USPS will offer to enter immediately into binding arbitration. The unions, on the other hand, will seek to reopen negotiations on a limited number of issues, i.e. the wage issues. It appears unlikely that the parties will agree on an approach in the next few days.

--If the parties cannot agree by next Tuesday on an approach to resolving the dispute, then the union leadership will be required by the union constitutions to call a nation-wide strike, even though such a strike would be clearly illegal. USPS will seek an injunction to prohibit the union leadership from calling such a strike.

--Job actions, similar to those which occurred earlier in the negotiations, are likely to take place next week. Contingency plans are in place to deal with this possibility.

--At some point in the next few days, Wayne Horvitz must decide when and if to invoke the fact-finding and binding arbitration procedures that are contemplated in the Postal Reorganization Act.

Marshall, Strauss, Schultze, and Bosworth all agree that the dispute must remain in the hands of Wayne Horvitz, and that the White House should have no comment at this time. We have agreed on the following response to questions by the press:

> "As you know, the proposed postal contract has not been ratified by the membership of either the National Association of Letter Carriers or the American Postal Workers Union. There are a series of legal procedures that must be followed in the postal negotiations after a contract rejection by one or more of the labor organizations. The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) will meet with both parties to decide what the next steps will be. Because of these unique legal procedures, it would be inappropriate to comment further on the postal negotiations."

CC: Ray Marshall
Charlie Schultze
Bob Strauss
Barry Bosworth
Hamilton Jordan
Stu Eizenstat
Jerry Rafshoon
Bob Lipshutz
Wayne Horvitz
Jody Powell
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 22, 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT LIPSHUTZ
MARGARET McKENNA

SUBJECT: Proposed Proclamation Entitled "Women's Equality Day, 1978"

Attached is a proposed Proclamation entitled "Women's Equality Day, 1978" for your signature.

The Proclamation has been reviewed and approved by Jim Fallows' office, OMB, and by our office.

We recommend that you sign the attached Proclamation.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY, 1978

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

August 26, 1978, is the 58th anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution guaranteeing that the right of United States citizens to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the Federal government or any state on account of sex.

This was the successful culmination of the struggle of the American Women's Suffrage movement. The right to vote, to participate in the process of framing the laws under which we all live, is fundamental. But it was only the first step in achieving full equality for women. The late Dr. Alice Paul realized this, drafted the Equal Rights Amendment in 1923 and had it introduced in Congress over a period of 49 years, until it passed on March 22, 1972.

Women have made substantial progress toward full equality in recent years, partly as a result of the national debate on the Equal Rights Amendment, which has made many people aware of existing injustices. Despite this progress, strong action is still needed to guarantee women full equality of opportunity.

I personally believe that ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment can be the single most important step in guaranteeing all Americans -- both women and men -- their rights under the United States Constitution. This major step toward full equality for women has already been taken by 35 states, representing seventy-two percent of the population of this Nation. Only three more states must ratify the Equal Rights Amendment before it becomes a part of the Constitution. I believe this

is too important and far-reaching an issue for arbitrary time barriers to limit full debate and an ultimate decision that truly reflects the will of the American people. In a society that is free, democratic and humane, there can be no time limit on equality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim August 26, 1978, as Women's Equality Day and do hereby call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities. I further urge all our people to dedicate themselves anew to the goal of achieving equal rights for women under the law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and third.

Jimmy Carter

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 25, 1978

JIM SCHLESINGER
STU EIZENSTAT

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

Rick Hutcheson

cc: The Vice President

re: LMFBR COMPROMISE





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Jim & Stu.
Make it clear that our position has not changed -

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I do not agree to restrict the LMFBR program to LMFBR-

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AUGUST 23, 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THE VICE PRESIDENT
JIM SCHLESINGER

SUBJECT: LMFBR COMPROMISE

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ESCALATION, THE COSTS OF THE LMFBR BASE PROGRAM PLUS THE CDS, BUT EXCLUDE DISCONTINUATION COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CRBR. THE DISCONTINUATION COSTS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT AUTHORIZED THROUGH FY 79.

THE PROGRAM INCLUDES AUTHORIZED BREEDER ASSOCIATED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS RELATED TO SAFETY AND FUELS EXAMINATION.

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($M)	BA	BA	BA	BO
FY 79	$428	$526	$513	$447
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I understand that these amounts are less than approved by either Senate or House.

THE NET EFFECT OF THE COMPROMISE IS TO MOVE TOWARDS SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES FY 79 AUTHORIZATION BILL POSITION AND AWAY FROM THE ADMINISTRATION-SUPPORTED FLOWERS AMENDMENT ON THE HOUSE DOE AUTHORIZATION BILL THAT WAS REJECTED ON THE HOUSE FLOOR. IF THIS NEW COMPROMISE IS ACCEPTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE, THE COUNTRY WILL HAVE ADOPTED A BREEDER PROGRAM THAT WOULD PERMIT COMMENCING CONSTRUCTION OF A BREEDER DEMO IN FY 82, IF THAT SHOULD BE THE DECISION OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS. NONETHELESS, IT IS NOT YET CLEAR THAT THE HOUSE WOULD ACCEPT THE COMPROMISE.

THE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH STUART EIZENSTAT AT OMB. WITH YOUR APPROVAL, WE WILL PROCEED TO REACH THIS COMPROMISE WITH THE CONGRESS.

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STU BELIEVES THE COMPROMISE DESCRIBED IN THIS MEMO IS CONSISTENT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING YOU REACHED WITH SENATOR MCCLURE AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDS YOUR APPROVAL.
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Department of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

August 23, 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THE VICE PRESIDENT
JIM SCHLESINGER

SUBJECT: LMFBR Compromise

We have been working with Senator McClure and other members of the Senate to define the agreement reached in principle last week on the discontinuation of Clinch River Breeder Reactor (CRBR) project and the scope of our future base breeder program.

The salient points of the agreement are as follows:

- At the end of the three-year Conceptual Design Study (CDS), the CRBR project could be completely terminated. The CRBR project may be discontinued for a period of three years, i.e., there would be deferral of all CRBR activities other than completion of design, selected components (where the cost compared to termination is not significant) and generic work on licensing and safety analysis.

- The CDS effort will be directed toward design of an improved LMFBR demonstration project that includes consideration of non-proliferation concerns. There is no commitment for the study to bind either you or Congress to proceed, at the conclusion of the CDS, with construction of a new LMFBR or the CRBR project.

- If we choose to discontinue the CRBR project, we would be committed to embark on an expanded base LMFBR program. The agreement we have been able to reach is summarized in the following table compared with the positions adopted by McClure and us last week. It should be noted that these amounts include escalation, the costs of the LMFBR base program plus the CDS, but exclude discontinuation costs associated with CRBR. The discontinuation costs are not expected to exceed the amount authorized through FY 79.

The program includes authorized breeder associated construction projects related to safety and fuels examination.

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The net effect of the compromise is to move towards Senate Energy and Natural Resources FY 79 authorization bill position and away from the Administration-supported Flowers amendment on the House DOE authorization bill that was rejected on the House Floor. If this new compromise is accepted by the Senate and House, the country will have adopted a breeder program that would permit commencing construction of a breeder demo in FY 82, if that should be the decision of the President and the Congress. Nonetheless, it is not yet clear that the House would accept the compromise.

The agreement has been discussed with Stuart Eizenstat at OMB. With your approval, we will proceed to reach this compromise with the Congress.

Senator McClure has been spreading the story of "our deal" and the newspapers here have been implying that our position on Clinch River and the Breeder Reactor have changed as a result of the deal. Senators Baker and Sasser are particularly upset, and Senator Baker has indicated that he may not any longer be able to support the natural gas compromise. It is very important that today we release the actual agreement and be able to say exactly why the agreement is consistent with our previous position on Breeders. For that reason the Vice President would very much like you to call him as soon as possible today. We need your concurrence before issuing our own materials.

Stu believes the compromise described in this memo is consistent with the understanding you reached with Senator McClure and strongly recommends your approval.

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TO PHIL WISE FOR THE PRESIDENT

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TO PHIL WISE FOR THE PRESIDENT

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8/24

Hold – per David Rubenstein
– The VP may call the
P at 2pm today.

11:30

Send per David

Department of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

August 23, 1978

NOTE TO RALPH SIGLER

Pursuant to our telephone conversation attached is a Memorandum for the President from the Vice President and Jim Schlesinger.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Memorandum which should be provided to either Rick Hutchenson or Bill Simon.

The Vice President has signed off on the Memorandum.

It would be appreciated if you would see to it that the Memorandum is transmitted to the President immediately.

Should you have any problems or questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 252-5777.

Many thanks for your assistance.

Frank R. Pagnotta
Director
Office of the Secretary

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-- IF WE CHOOSE TO DISCONTINUE THE CRBR PROJECT, WE WOULD BE COMMITTED TO EMBARK ON AN EXPANDED BASE LMFBR PROGRAM. THE AGREEMENT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REACH IS SUMMARIZED IN THE FOLLOWIMG TABLE COMPARED WITH THE POSITIONS ADOPTED BY MCCLURE AND US LAST WEEK. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THESE AMOUNTS INCLUDE

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ESCALATION, THE COSTS OF THE LMFBR BASE PROGRAM PLUS THE CDS, BUT EXCLUDE DISCONTINUATION COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CRBR. THE DISCONTINUATION COSTS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT AUTHORIZED THROUGH FY 79.

THE PROGRAM INCLUDES AUTHORIZED BREEDER ASSOCIATED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS RELATED TO SAFETY AND FUELS EXAMINATION.

	ADMINISTRATION POSITION	MCCLURE POSITION	PROPOSED COMPROMISE	
($M)	BA	BA	BA	BO
FY 79	$428	$526	$513	$447
FY 80	425	555	504	503
FY 81	443	605	520	484

I understand that these amounts are less than approved by either Senate or House

THE NET EFFECT OF THE COMPROMISE IS TO MOVE TOWARDS SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES FY 79 AUTHORIZATION BILL POSITION AND AWAY FROM THE ADMINISTRATION-SUPPORTED FLOWERS AMENDMENT ON THE HOUSE DOE AUTHORIZATION BILL THAT WAS REJECTED ON THE HOUSE FLOOR. IF THIS NEW COMPROMISE IS ACCEPTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE, THE COUNTRY WILL HAVE ADOPTED A BREEDER PROGRAM THAT WOULD PERMIT COMMENCING CONSTRUCTION OF A BREEDER DEMO IN FY 82, IF THAT SHOULD BE THE DECISION OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS. NONETHELESS, IT IS NOT YET CLEAR THAT THE HOUSE WOULD ACCEPT THE COMPROMISE.

THE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH STUART EIZENSTAT AT OMB. WITH YOUR APPROVAL, WE WILL PROCEED TO REACH THIS COMPROMISE WITH THE CONGRESS.

SENATOR MCCLURE HAS BEEN SPREADING THE STORY OF "OUR DEAL" AND THE NEWSPAPERS HERE HAVE BEEN IMPLYING THAT OUR POSITION ON CLINCH RIVER AND THE BREEDER REACTOR HAVE CHANGED AS A RESULT OF THE DEAL. SENATORS BAKER AND SASSER ARE PARTICULARLY UPSET, AND SENATOR BAKER HAS INDICATED THAT HE MAY NOT ANY LONGER BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE NATURAL GAS COMPROMISE. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT TODAY WE RELEASE THE ACTUAL AGREEMENT AND BE ABLE TO SAY EXACTLY WHY THE AGREEMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR PREVIOUS POSITION ON BREEDERS. FOR THAT REASON THE VICE PRESIDENT WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE YOU TO CALL HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TODAY. WE NEED YOUR CONCURRENCE BEFORE ISSUING OUR OWN MATERIALS.

STU BELIEVES THE COMPROMISE DESCRIBED IN THIS MEMO IS CONSISTENT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING YOU REACHED WITH SENATOR MCCLURE AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDS YOUR APPROVAL.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 22, 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT LIPSHUTZ
MARGARET McKENNA

SUBJECT: Proposed Proclamation Entitled "Women's Equality Day, 1978"

Attached is a proposed Proclamation entitled "Women's Equality Day, 1978" for your signature.

The Proclamation has been reviewed and approved by Jim Fallows' office, OMB, and by our office.

We recommend that you sign the attached Proclamation.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY, 1978

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

August 26, 1978, is the 58th anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution guaranteeing that the right of United States citizens to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the Federal government or any state on account of sex.

This was the successful culmination of the struggle of the American Women's Suffrage movement. The right to vote, to participate in the process of framing the laws under which we all live, is fundamental. But it was only the first step in achieving full equality for women. The late Dr. Alice Paul realized this, drafted the Equal Rights Amendment in 1923 and had it introduced in Congress over a period of 49 years, until it passed on March 22, 1972.

Women have made substantial progress toward full equality in recent years, partly as a result of the national debate on the Equal Rights Amendment, which has made many people aware of existing injustices. Despite this progress, strong action is still needed to guarantee women full equality of opportunity.

I personally believe that ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment can be the single most important step in guaranteeing all Americans -- both women and men -- their rights under the United States Constitution. This major step toward full equality for women has already been taken by 35 states, representing seventy-two percent of the population of this Nation. Only three more states must ratify the Equal Rights Amendment before it becomes a part of the Constitution. I believe this

is too important and far-reaching an issue for arbitrary time barriers to limit full debate and an ultimate decision that truly reflects the will of the American people. In a society that is free, democratic and humane, there can be no time limit on equality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim August 26, 1978, as Women's Equality Day and do hereby call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities. I further urge all our people to dedicate themselves anew to the goal of achieving equal rights for women under the law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and third.

Jimmy Carter