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THE WHITE HOUSE

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DATE: 30 NOV 78

FOR ACTION: FRAN VOORDE PHIL WISE

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SUBJECT: KAHN, WEXLER, PETERSON MEMO RE ANTI-INFLATION MEETING WITH CONSUMER AND CITIZEN GROUPS

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

BY: 1200 PM SATURDAY 02 DEC 78

ACTION REQUESTED: YOUR COMMENTS

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

PLEASE NOTE OTHER COMMENTS BELOW:

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November 30, 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ALFRED KAHN AK
ANNE WEXLER AW/mhe
ESTHER PETERSON EP

SUBJECT: Anti-Inflation Meeting with Consumer and Citizen Groups

We would like to recommend a brief meeting between you and leaders of a coalition of citizen and consumer organizations which has set up an organization called COIN (Consumers Opposed to Inflation in Necessities). COIN is focusing on specific anti-inflation actions in four sectors -- food, health, energy and housing -- which have accounted for the greater proportion of the increase in the cost of living in recent years.

Although the initial phase of the inflation outreach effort has focused on business and labor, in order to secure their compliance with the guidelines, we believe we need to move promptly and persuasively to develop citizen and consumer organization support for the program. These groups can be important allies in our efforts to get such legislation as real wage insurance, hospital cost containment and surface transportation deregulation.

Their support is important also to offset the impression that the anti-inflation program is basically illiberal, excessively concentrated on overall monetary and fiscal restraint, and pays inadequate attention to the specific sectors in which inflation has been especially concentrated and bears with especial severity on low-income people. We believe that such a meeting should occur promptly and preferably before December 15.

The meeting would follow the format of other briefings -- a one hour briefing by key anti-inflation staff in the Cabinet Room or Roosevelt Room with a brief drop-in visit (10-15 minutes) by you at the completion of the meeting.

Following the meeting, COIN would announce general support of the four-sector strategy and, while making its independence clear, would also announce a campaign of support for such specific measures as hospital cost containment and transportation deregulation.

A list of COIN organizations is attached.

____Will drop by the meeting.

____Will drop by but schedule meeting after January 1, 1979.

____Hold off for now.

THE COIN CAMPAIGN

Consumers
Opposed to
Inflation in the
Necessities

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COIN Participating Organizations

1. Consumer Federation of America
2. Public Citizen
3. National Council of Senior Citizens
4. National Urban League
5. Exploratory Project for Economic Alternatives
6. Environmental Action
7. International Association of Machinists
8. International Union of Operating Engineers
9. National Consumers League
10. Community Nutrition Institute
11. Acorn
12. American Federation of Labor, Congress of Industrial Organizations
13. Americans for Democratic Action
14. California Public Policy Center
15. Center for Auto Safety
16. Center for Science in the Public Interest
17. Citizen Action Coalition
18. Citizen Action League
19. Connecticut Citizen Action Group
20. Food Research Action Council
21. Friends of the Earth
22. Maryland Citizens Consumer Council
23. Missouri Citizen Action
24. Missouri Public Interest Research Group
25. National Center for Black Aged
26. The Sisters Network
27. Urban Elderly Coalition
28. Urban Environment Conference
29. Senior Citizens Law Center
30. United Auto Workers
31. Virginia Citizens Consumer Council
32. Energy Action
33. National Education Association
34. Environmentalists for Full Employment
35. Movement for Economic Justice/Jobs and Justice
36. National Gray Panthers
37. Service Employees International Union
38. Minnesota Public Interest Research Group

Oil, Chemical, and Atomic Workers Union--will join soon
Chemical Workers Union