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THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY WASHINGTON 20220

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Secret Service Protective Detail

Recently we have received complaints from responsible citizens, some of whom I know well, alleging that your Secret Service protective detail has acted boorishly or impolitely toward bystanders in connection with the performance of their protective function. Although the protection of the President is an extremely difficult task to perform without any incidents, rude behavior to citizens who are attempting to glimpse the Presidential party can seriously detract from the reputation for openness which has characterized your Administration over its first year.

We are investigating these incidents for the purpose of locating any individuals who may be particularly involved. In the meantime, at my instruction, the Director of the Secret Service has personally directed the agents composing your detail to perform their duties in as courteous and friendly a manner as possible, without compromising the protective function.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 3, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

DICK CHENEY JIM CAVANAUGH Secret Service Protection of High Government Officials

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I met yesterday with Mr. Lilburn E. Boggs, Deputy Director of the U.S. Secret Service of Treasury, to discuss proposed legislation which is in the OMB legislative clearance process for protection of high level government officials.

Mr. Boggs indicated that they had received from OMB legislation drafted and recommended by the Department of State to provide Secret Service protection for the Secretary of State after he leaves office for a period of two years. Mr. Boggs said they were currently drafting a memorandum for the Department of Treasury indicating their position on this legislation. The cost of such protection would be approximately \$6 million.

He also indicated that they were not aware of any domestic threat to the Secretary of State and that their experiences show that once an official leaves his government position, the threat level is negligible. He did indicate that there was some intelligence from time to time from some PLO-type groups in the Mideast concerning some threats that have been made in the past but that these were extremely difficult to evaluate in terms of their validity. I got the distinct impression from Boggs that they do not feel protection is necessary and that they are quite concerned about the proposed cost of it.

Boggs did indicate that if someone thought for some reason that protection should be afforded to the Secretary of State after he leaves office, that it might be provided by the security forces of the Department of State and not the Secret Service. He also indicated that they were aware of the fact that Bob Taylor, who served as head of the Presidential protection detail a few years ago and now is employed by the Rockefeller organization in New York, had explored the possibility of extending Secret Service protection to Vice President Rockefeller for some reasonable period of time after he leaves office. Boggs said that it was his understanding that the Vice President wasn't concerned about his own protection but was simply interested in the protection of his two young sons. Boggs told me that he had heard that the Vice President had said that if additional Secret Service protection was limited to him and not extended to his sons, that he wasn't interested in securing it beyond January 20.

One additional point that was discussed was the level of Secret Service protection that should be made available to the incoming Secretary of Treasury once he takes office. Boggs indicated to me that they do not plan to provide a complete detail to the new Secretary of Treasury but rather, they would go to the new Secretary and indicate they would provide a car for him as well as one agent who would pick him up in the morning and drop him off at the end of the day.

Boggs said he was working on a paper which was due to the Office of the Secretary of Treasury by 5 p.m. last night on the pros and cons of various questions and issues raised about protection of high government officials after they leave office. It was his understanding that this was requested by Ed Schmults.

In conclusion, Boggs indicated that the Secret Service has never attempted to enlarge its function or its staff by providing protection to additional people, and that they were reluctant to do so now. I also got the impression from him that they would make the point to the various appropriation committees on the Hill about the high cost of this protection.

The Secret Service has sent legislation to the Office of Management and Budget that would limit to six months the protection of wives and widows of a former President. Here again, Boggs indicated that there were no threat levels involved here and that it was very difficult to keep agents on such details motivated for any length of time.

The meeting concluded by my acknowledging the fact that the State Department proposed legislation was being handled in a normal manner through the OMB clearance process and that the whole matter would be handled routinely here. I told him we were interested in talking directly to the Secret Service to get their professional views on what factors should be considered in the normal legislative clearance process.

I recommend we allow the various proposals to continue through the legislative clearance process.

I have also talked to Ed Schmults and told him we would like to see the options paper that he has Treasury working on when it is completed. THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON January 11, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Dick Cheney Jack Marsh Jim Cavanaugh Brent Scowcroft

Phil Buchen

FROM:

Attached is a proposed Joint Resolution that incorporates comments made at today's meeting with Congressional Leaders.



JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize the United States Secret Service to continue to furnish protection to certain former Federal officials or members of their immediate families.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States Secret Service, in addition to other duties now provided by law, is authorized to furnish protection to a person who as a Federal Government official or as a member of such official's immediate family has been receiving protection for a period immediately preceding January 20, 1977, if the President determines that such person may thereafter be in significant danger; provided, however, that protection of any such person shall continue only for such period as the President determines and shall not continue beyond July 20, 1977, unless otherwise permitted by law.

