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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHARLIE LEPPERT  
FROM: KEN LAZARUS *KL*  
SUBJECT: LEAA Authorization Bill

The full House Judiciary Committee has an Executive Session set for next Tuesday (May 11) to consider the Administration's proposal for a five-year extension of the legislation authorizing the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

As you know, the President has strongly endorsed a five-year extension of LEAA. Moreover, it is essential under the budget process for this legislation to clear Committee by May 17. Accordingly, you might want to contact the leadership of the Committee in order to express the President's concern for prompt action on this measure.

It is my understanding that the only question of substantial controversy involved in the bill is the length of the extension. Liberal forces within the Committee would prefer a one- or two-year extension while conservatives support the President's request for five-year reauthorization. Traditionally, a three-year period has eventually been agreed upon.

Thank you.

*Reported to Ken via tele. mail is today (Mays)*  
*Everything going O.K.*

*PK*

