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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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August 4, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: PHILIP BUCHEN *P.W.B.*  
FROM: KENNETH LAZARUS *kl*  
SUBJECT: Secretary Mathews/208(b) Waiver

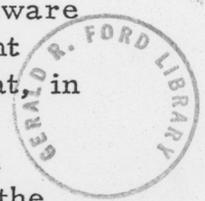
As you know, David Mathews will be sworn in this Friday, August 8, as Secretary of HEW.

Prior to his confirmation by the Senate, Dr. Mathews agreed to sever completely his relationship with the University of Alabama save his continued participation in the University's insurance and retirement plans solely at his own expense.

In order to preclude any possible conflict of interest arising from claims that Dr. Mathew's continued participation in these plans constitutes employment by the University, agreement was reached on the following course of action:

1. Dr. Mathews would not participate in any matter specifically involving the University of Alabama while serving as Secretary; and
2. At the time of his appointment as Secretary, Dr. Mathews would be granted an exemption under 18 U.S.C. 208(b) from the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 208(a) covering all matters which might generally affect universities and colleges.

The provision for a 208(b) waiver recognizes that you are aware of Dr. Mathews' retention of these insurance and retirement benefits and carries forward your judgment to the effect that, in participating in matters which impact on the University of Alabama to no greater extent than on other universities and colleges, e. g. grants to higher education, the interests of the University of Alabama and those of Dr. Mathews are not such as



to affect the integrity of the services which the Government may expect from the Secretary. The legal effect of the waiver is to preclude any possibility, however remote, of criminal prosecution based upon Dr. Mathews participation in matters generally affecting institutions of higher education. The authority to issue such a waiver has not been delegated and thus your personal approval is required.

Attached for your signature is the formal waiver, dated August 8, 1975, which should be executed at your earliest convenience.

Attachment



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 8, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR

DAVID F. MATHEWS  
SECRETARY OF HEALTH,  
EDUCATION AND WELFARE

This is to confirm my understanding of the fact that, prior to your appointment today as Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, you have severed completely any financial relationship with the University of Alabama, save your continued participation in the University's insurance and retirement plans solely at your own expense.

Further, pursuant to the authority conferred by 18 U.S.C. 208(b), I have determined that your continued participation in such plans does not constitute an interest so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services which the Government may expect from you as the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare relevant to official matters which may affect the University of Alabama to the same extent that they may affect other universities and colleges in general.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 28, 1976

*Conflict*  
*Meeker, David O.*

MEMORANDUM FOR: DOUGLAS BENNETT

FROM: PHILIP BUCHEN *P.*

Attached is the original of a letter to the President from David O. Meeker, Jr., Assistant Secretary of HUD for Community Planning and Development.

Please note that Mr. Meeker is resigning effective September 30, 1976. Please take whatever other steps are necessary.

If there is to be a letter from the President in response, I would like to be consulted on the wording of it.

Attachment





DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20410

September 14, 1976

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

IN REPLY REFER TO:

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

More than three years ago I was nominated to the position of Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, a new position requiring the consolidation of two major program functions within the Department. During the three years I have had the pleasure and opportunity to be involved in significant changes in the role of the Department, its responsiveness to citizens and its effectiveness in providing state and local government the funds that they need to deal with the urgent community planning and development problems. I believe that the following major objectives have been achieved during my three years of service:

- Rapid implementation of the Community Development Block Grant Program as signed into law by you on August 22, 1974.
- Reducing program regulations from 6200 pages to 50 pages, making local program management more effective.
- Receiving applications three months after enactment and one month prior to the official commencement of the Program.
- Reducing Departmental program review from 31 months to 49 days in the first year.
- Rationalizing the federal planning process through the creation of interagency cooperation Agreements affecting ten major planning programs.
- Reducing 1972 staff levels by 23% while increasing the number of communities served by 81% and providing 56% more funding.



I request that my resignation be made effective September 30, 1976. I leave this responsibility with regret but I find that I must return to the private sector in order to more adequately provide for my children and their future.

I have been honored to be associated with your Administration and look forward to your successful election to the Presidency.

Respectfully,

*David O. Meeker, Jr.*

David O. Meeker, Jr. FAIA, AIP





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WASHINGTON

Dudley Chapman:

Do you have  
any comments ? <sup>He should</sup> get a medal.

Otherwise get into  
Robinson personnel  
file.

P. ↑  
Just file

W.C.  
8/13/75



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 7, 1975

FOR: PHIL BUCHEN

FROM: BILL SEIDMAN

Attached for your information.



Washington, D. C. 20520

## Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs

August 5, 1975

The Honorable L. William Seidman  
Assistant to the President for Economic Affairs,  
The White House

Bill:

Attached memorandum forwarded per our  
conversation this morning.

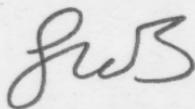


Charles W. Robinson

Attachment:

xerox copy of memo dated  
7/30/75 w/attachment.

To Phil BUCHEN  
FYI





DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

S/S

*Robinson,  
Charles* ✓

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July 30, 1975

TO: The Secretary  
FROM: L - Monroe Leigh *M.L.*  
SUBJECT: Disqualification

Attached for your information is a memorandum which Chuck Robinson put out with my concurrence, in view of the recent expropriation of his former company in Peru.

Attachment:

Memorandum dated July 29, 1975

→ cc: E - Mr. Robinson

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

MEMORANDUM

July 29, 1975

TO: Deputy Secretary  
T - Mr. Maw  
P - Mr. Sisco  
ARA - Mr. Rogers  
EB - Mr. Enders  
A/AID - Mr. Parker  
L - Mr. Leigh

FROM: E - Charles W. Robinson *ok*

SUBJECT: Disqualification

As I have stated to most of you individually in the past, I have no present financial interest in Marcona Mining or any of its affiliated companies. For this reason, I am advised that as a technical legal matter I have no conflict of interest problem with respect to dealing with Marcona within the Department. Nevertheless, since my swearing-in, I have taken the position that I should because of my former interest in Marcona disqualify myself from participation in State Department consideration of any problems raised by Marcona or its affiliated companies.

In view of the recent events in Peru, I am sending this memorandum to reiterate my position that I do not wish to be involved in any aspect of the Department's consideration of problems raised by Marcona.

I request that any problems in this area requiring decision on the 7th Floor be directed to the Secretary or the Deputy Secretary.

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