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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *[Handwritten signature]*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 16, 1974

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached is a compilation of the management objectives concept which has been continuing under the auspices of OMB. It exemplifies the kind of activities OMB does best -- an overwatch for you of the overall national plan, together with precise measure of the accomplishment of this plan on a continuing basis.

Despite reservations by some about OMB's activities, this kind of interdepartmental command and control, is indispensable.

[Handwritten signature]
Al Haig

Attachment

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essential function of OMB.
It should continue.
HRA*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 5, 1974

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: ROY L. ASH

FROM: JERRY H. JONES 

SUBJECT: Report on Presidential Objectives
Established by the Agencies for FY74

Your memorandum to the President of August 13 on the above subject has been reviewed and the following notation was made:

-- The President has reviewed and he believes this is an essential function of OMB and should continue.

cc: Al Haig

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Jerry —

Send back to OMB saying
that "the President has reviewed
and he believes this is an
essential function of OMB and
shall continue."

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VICE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

AUG 13 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

~~ROY L. ASH~~

SUBJECT:

Report On Presidential Objectives
Established By The Agencies For
FY 74

As you may recall from your initial briefings when you assumed the Vice Presidency, a major effort was launched in April 1973 to have federal officials at all levels concentrate their attention on the need to produce specific results from all public programs.

In keeping with this initiative, the heads of 20 major departments and agencies identified more than 200 objectives that they felt were of Presidential importance for fiscal year 1974. Brief reports on the progress made toward the attainment of these objectives have been prepared by the agencies, and highlights from each are set forth in the Tab.

In summary, the considerable amount of time devoted to this program over the past sixteen months has been well worthwhile. It helped to forge a key link between broad Administration policies and the day-to-day activities of the agency. Important long term goals were translated into specific commitments for accomplishment in high priority areas. Finally, a very large percentage of the objectives were met. For example, legislation for comprehensive health insurance was introduced on February 6, 1974; the Trans-Alaskan pipeline permit was issued on January 23, 1974; an estimated 25% reduction in energy utilization was achieved in the defense area; and most service goals for the All Volunteer Force were met.

We currently are working with the agencies in the finalization of their Presidential objectives for fiscal year 1975. Appropriate material will be available for your review and approval within the next several days.

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