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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ACTION

SEP 3 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ROY L. ASH

SUBJECT:

DOL Budget Supplemental Request

The Department of Labor is urging that you send to the Congress budget requests to cover the cost of enforcing the minimum wage amendments enacted last April, plus three other smaller items, that exceed the original FY 1975 budget by \$18 million in budget authority and outlays.

The attached memorandum and supporting materials have been jointly prepared by OMB and DOL staff, setting out the arguments for and against increasing the budget for these purposes.

In summary, Secretary Brennan recommends you approve budget increases for these unbudgeted workload increases. I recommend not increasing the budget, but providing the minimum essential resources for minimum wage and other workload increases by (a) exempting DOL from the personnel cut and (b) seeking authority to transfer necessary funds from other DOL appropriations. (Note: We are now examining DOL's request for resources to administer the new pension legislation.)

Decision

Increase the budget for these programs

Do not increase the budget for these programs (Ash, Cole, Timmons, Buchen concur) Other

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Attachment