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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN. *lg.*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 10, 1974

*9/10/74  
Talked with  
Javits*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS *BT*

SUBJECT: Senator Jacob Javits (R-NY)

The Senator had a commitment in New York at 5:00 p. m. today and cannot accept his appointment with the President. I believe he has a fund-raising cocktail party for his re-election campaign but I am not certain of this.

However, the Senator does wish to talk with you about Public Service Employment before tomorrow's pre-summit conference on Labor. Therefore, Jack will call from New York around 4:00 p. m. and hopes he will be able to handle it over the phone.

Attached in Tab A is a brief talking paper on the issue prepared by Roy Ash.

Also, Javits may raise the status of Barbara Watson with you. In Tab B is a summary of a paper prepared for you by David Wimer.

Tab

A

PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROPOSALS:  
PROGRAM QUESTIONS WHICH NEED RESOLUTION

1. What should the average PSE salary be? \$5,000, \$7,000?

What should the ceiling be? \$7,000?, \$9,000?

RECOMMEND- holding to a \$5,000 average and a \$7,000 ceiling yielding to \$6,000 average and a \$8,000 ceiling.

*6,000*

2. What is source of funding: Increase deficit? Raise taxes? or cut other programs?

RECOMMEND - Cut other programs even more than necessary to achieve \$300 billion.

3. Should it be project type work or regular continuing work?

RECOMMEND - Project type only.

4. Who gets public service jobs?

- first-come-first-serve?
- long term employed?
- unemployment insurance exhaustees?
- heads of households?
- needs test?

RECOMMEND - Needs test.

5. Would individuals be denied unemployment insurance benefits if they refuse to accept public service jobs?

RECOMMEND - They should be.

6. Should State and local governments be able to supplement public service wages? At what limits?

RECOMMEND - No -- it negates the process.

7. How can we in fact achieve the following objectives?

- triggering off when no longer needed?
- maximum enrollment periods for individuals?
- tight job search requirements?
- firm requirements for transition into unsubsidized job openings?

8. What are public employee union's concerns about a large public service employment program? How will we meet them?

Tab

B

9. Would organized labor agree to use of PSE to repay Penn-Central rights-of-way? Could you help with this?

## BARBARA WATSON

1. Barbara Watson, 55, is a Black, liberal, New York Democrat, appointed Administrator of the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs in Department of State in 1968 by President Lyndon Johnson.
2. Her resignation was accepted last April. Elements of Black, feminist and liberal communities seized this as a cause celebre and said she was "fired" without consultation and was offered no career opportunities.
3. President Nixon submitted the nomination of Leonard Walentynowicz as Watson's replacement in late March. He has the support of Secretary Kissinger. He is 42, Republican, able, Polish-American attorney from Buffalo, New York and supported by all the Polish-American societies. His nomination is being "held" by Senator Javits, a supporter of Watson.
4. Watson was offered six different Ambassadorial posts, including New Zealand, but she declined.
5. In an effort to accommodate both Watson and Javits, her effective date of resignation has been rearranged several time. The most recent was August 31 but Javits called Timmons and asked for one more month so he could find Barbara suitable private employment. Stan Scott, Len Garment and the Black Caucus have expressed concern over Watson's termination. Haig called Kissinger and as a courtesy to Javits, it was agreed Watson would stay on the rolls until September 30th.
6. The Press recently carried articles that you did not approve of Watson's termination and the matter was under your personal review. These stories are unfortunate since the issue was resolved to most everybody's satisfaction. Now you are in the middle and could alienate Watson's or Walentynowicz's supporters.

7. The best approach seems to pull the issue off the front pages by telling Javits your support Walentynowicz and that you understand the Senator will find Barbara suitable employment by the end of the month.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 11, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS  
FROM: JERRY H. JONES   
SUBJECT: Senator Jacob Javits (R-NY)

Your memorandum to the President of September 10 on the above subject has been reviewed and the following notation was made:

-- 9/10/74 - Talked with Javits.

cc: Al Haig