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THE WHITE HOUSE

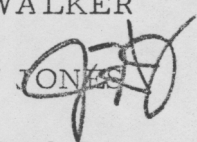
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BILL WALKER

FROM:

JERRY JONES 

SUBJECT:

Mrs. Carl Curtis

The appointment of Mrs. Curtis to the National Advisory Council on Education Professions Development is approved. Given that this commitment had been made by the former President, President Ford feels that it should be fulfilled.

However, President Ford's policy will be not to appoint wives of Congressional members to Presidential Boards and Commissions. This should be clearly communicated to Timmons' office. It is my understanding that this policy would apply to both Senator Javits and Senator Scott.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 4, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: DONALD RUMSFELD  
FROM: JERRY JONES  
SUBJECT: Mrs. Curtis

Tom Korologos committed the slot on the National Advisory Council on Education Professions Development to Mrs. Curtis some two months before President Nixon's resignation. There is a disagreement as to how this commitment came about. On the one hand Tom claims that he had prior approval from the Personnel office of the appointment before he committed the slot. The Personnel office claims that Tom committed the position and then told them about his commitment. Only on the understanding that Tom had already committed the seat did they agree to appointing Mrs. Curtis to the Council.

In any case, both Korologos and the Personnel office have indicated to Mrs. Curtis that she has the slot. Tom makes the case that withdrawal of the offer now would be most embarrassing to the Senator, Mrs. Curtis and himself (see Tab A). The Personnel office, feeling that they were taken advantage of originally, now wishes that President Ford would back off of President Nixon's decision (Tab B).

The Personnel office is correct in stating that such an appointment sets very bad precedent that will give us headaches from now on and Tom is also correct that withdrawal will be most embarrassing. Obviously the question is do we embarrass a loyal supporter or open the door to continual pressure to appoint Congressional wives to Presidential Boards or Commissions?

Attachments

*Approve  
Mrs. Curtis -  
keep commitment - but not  
a precedent - commitment  
was made in previous adminis.  
Maintain policy of "no cong. wives."  
Make sure Cong. Rep. + Personnel  
understand.*



THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION

WASHINGTON

September 27, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William E. Timmons *pd*  
SUBJECT: Mrs. Carl Curtis (R-Neb)

Attached is a memorandum from Tom Korologos to me expressing his concern over possible broken commitment to the Senator for appointment of his wife to the National Advisory Council on Education Professions Development.

I would like to go forward with the appointment and request your authority to proceed.

APPROVE

*GR 5*

DISAPPROVE

OTHER

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 27, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS

FROM: TOM C. KOROLOGOS **TK**

SUBJECT: Mrs. Carl Curtis

I am becoming hysterical over the Mrs. Curtis matter. The personnel people themselves approved her appointment months ago to some health board; I personally gave it to the Senator and Mrs. Curtis. Now, we apparently do not want to deliver because of the precedent of a Senator's wife on one of these boards.

The Senator is embarrassed before his colleagues--many of whom cleared her; he is embarrassed to his constituents where they announced it; to his new wife, who thinks he can't deliver on a commitment; and he feels (coupled with our inability to get his group in) that Ford is against Curtis because Curtis was so strong for Nixon and Ford wants to cut off all such ties.

Curtis will likely become my "Bennett" in the next Congress. He will be Ranking Republican on Finance where ALL of the big domestic, financial, tax and trade legislation goes; he is senior on Budget Committee; he is senior on Agriculture Committee; he is senior on Space Committee and next year he plans to run for Cotton's leader seat as Chairman of the GOP Conference.

This is so patently absurd a situation and one which will prove detrimental not only to my effectiveness but could harm the President as well, that I would like to request 5 minutes with the President in order to present my case.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 25, 1974

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: GENERAL ALEXANDER HAIG

FROM: DAVID J. WIMER *Sam Schulhof/Wimer*

SUBJECT: Part-time Advisory Appointments  
for Congressional Wives

In my memorandum of September 6, 1974, I recommended, with reservations, the appointment of Mrs. Carl Curtis to the National Advisory Council on Education Professions Development (Memorandum, Tab A). Tom Korologos committed Mrs. Curtis' appointment to this Council to the Senator, prior to your inauguration as President and without our knowledge. Timmons insisted most vigorously that the Congressional Relations staff's credibility would be demolished if this commitment was not kept. We therefore submitted the EPD slate, including Mrs. Curtis, which was approved, although it has not yet been announced. Since making this recommendation, however, developments have arisen which broaden the effects of Mrs. Curtis' pending appointment.

Since 1969 it has been Administration policy not to appoint Congressional wives to part-time advisory positions, the rationale being that once one such appointment is made, you would be besieged with requests from the Hill to appoint Congressional wives to one Council or another. Also, possible rivalry for positions could easily develop when two or more wives are interested in the same position. To date, the same policy has been followed for the Members of Congress themselves for virtually the same reasons. It appears that our reasoning was solid as we are now under pressure to appoint Mrs. Hugh Scott and Mrs. Jacob Javits to advisory positions, as well. I therefore believe it is to your best interest to make a general policy decision at this time not to appoint Congressional wives. Alternatively you may decide to change the general policy and agree to appoint Congressional wives to part-time advisory positions.



Bill Timmons feels strongly that appointing Congressional wives will give us great patronage with which to obtain votes on the Hill for critical legislation, and we both agree there are many Congressional wives who could contribute valuably to appropriate boards and commissions. However, I feel strongly that by appointing Congressional wives we leave ourselves open to severe criticism for using such appointments as political tools. Further, we run a high risk of personally insulting a Member of Congress when we question the qualifications of his wife or refuse her appointment on the basis of qualifications, particularly where highly technical councils are involved. Most uncomfortable will be choosing between one or more wives requesting the same appointment. There is also the strong likelihood of conflict of interest if a Congressional wife is appointed to a council that must report to or is funded by a legislative committee on which her husband serves or has cast a vote, apart from the general principle of separation of powers between the executive and legislative branches of government.

Knowing full well that breaking this commitment to Senator Curtis will be difficult, I nevertheless believe that it can be justified on the basis of a review of general policy and on the basis that the commitment was made during the past administration. I therefore strongly recommend that we continue to maintain the policy of not appointing Congressional wives to advisory positions. Bill Timmons does not concur.

\_\_\_\_\_ Agree; do not appoint Mrs. Curtis and continue the policy of not appointing Congressional wives to part-time advisory position.

\_\_\_\_\_ Disagree; appoint Mrs. Curtis and handle the ensuing requests for appointment of Congressional wives on an individual basis.

Enclosure

cc: Robert Hartmann  
Bill Timmons  
Ted Beal  
Tony Mayer

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SUBJECT: National Advisory Council on Education  
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(PA, Part-time)

There are five vacancies, including the Chairmanship, on this fifteen member Council which reviews and evaluates all Federal programs concerned with the training of educational personnel (teachers, counselors, administrators and para-professionals) from pre-school through graduate school. (Legislation, Tab A)

The Council membership includes only two Blacks, only three females and one youth. Particular needs of the Council include an individual working in teacher education at the state level and a person involved in the training of elementary and secondary level teachers, particularly of the handicapped.

For the Chairmanship I recommend the elevation of one of the current members, Lyle F. Anderson, Jr., Ph.D. (Resume, Tab B), Chairman of the School Board of Broward County, Florida. Dr. Anderson has served on the faculties of Florida State University, Florida Atlantic University and Fort Lauderdale University as a Professor of Education and Psychology, Resident Student Training Coordinator, and Instructor of English. Dr. Anderson serves as an officer of numerous professional organizations, and as the thirty-two year old Chairman of a major school board, he is considered one of the foremost Republican educators in Florida. Anderson's elevation to the Chairmanship has the concurrence of Ken Cole, Bill Timmerman and Secretary Weinberger, was approved in July, has received appropriate White House clearances, and, pending your decision, is ready for Hill calls.

Agree  \_\_\_\_\_

Disagree  \_\_\_\_\_

To fill the vacancy created by Anderson's elevation to the Chairmanship, I recommend the appointment of Edward A. Medina (Resume, Tab C), Republican of New Mexico. Medina is the Regional Training Officer and Assistant Professor of Education in the Early Childhood Education Center at Eastern New Mexico University, Portales. The Council has expressed a need for an individual experienced in early childhood education and has no Spanish-speaking representation. Medina is recommended for this appointment by Congressman Lujan, Senator Domenici and Anne Armstrong. His appointment, which received the concurrence of Ken Cole, Bill Timmons, and Secretary Weinberger, was approved by General Haig in July, received the appropriate White House clearances, and, pending your decision, is ready for Hill calls.

Agree

Disagree

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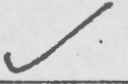
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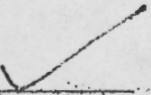
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Agree



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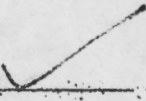


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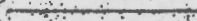


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