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THE WHITE HOUSE

OCT.25,1974

MR. PRESIDENT:

SENATOR PEARSON IS IN MANILA. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT DUE TO THE TIME DIFFERENCE THAT THE CALL BE PLACED BETWEEN 8 AND 9:00 P.M. SATURDAY EVENING.

THIS WILL BE BETWEEN 9 AND 10:00 A.M. SUNDAY MORNING IN MANILA.

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL* (Urgent, see note on Page 2)

TO:

RECOMMENDED BY:

PURPOSE:

Senator James Pearson (R-Kan.)

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BACKGROUND:



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October 11, 1974

Action

*Note: This call should be made at the earliest possible time so that all loose ends might be resolved before the Congressional recess begins (probably at the close of business on Friday, October 11).

Pearson can be reached in Kansas at 913-TE1-2660.

WASHINGTON

CDR. TODD:

THE PRESIDENT WILL WANT TO CALL JAMES SENATOR PEARSON OVER THE WEEKEND.

PEARSON WILL BE IN MANILA AND CAN BE REACHED THROUGH AMBASSADOR REX BEECH, DIRECTOR OF THE ASIAN AMERICAN BANK IN MANILA.

THE TIME DIFFERENCE, ACCORDING TO THE OPERATORS, IS +13 HOURS.

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THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE

NOT ISSUED

Saturday - October 26,1974

CAMP DAVID

10:00 (30 min.) Mr. Ron Nessen.

11:00

Harry Reasoner Outdoor Interview.

(30 min.)

12:00

LUNCH.

OPTION: Invite Reasoner to join you at Aspen or Dogwood for lunch.

Sit-down Interview with Reasoner at Birch.

1:00 (45 min.)

WASHINGTON

October 29, 1974

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

WILLIAM E. TIMMONS

Recommended Telephone Call to Sen. James Pearson (R-Kan)

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Your recommended telephone call for the President to call Sen. James Pearson was approved and the following notation was made:

> -- Sunday night. Talked with Senator Pearson and he will call Sen. Magnuson and give clearance. (within several days). I suggest we call HEW and so inform that by end of week we should have clearance.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld