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11/18/74

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...
ACTION

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
November 14, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William E. Timmons *BT*
SUBJECT: Telephone Requests

It would be helpful if you could find time to make six calls on Friday, November 15th, to selected Members of Congress to urge legislative action. Attached are requests for:

- ~~1~~ Rep. LaMar Baker (R-Tenn) Job
- ~~2~~ Rep. Otto Passman (D-La) Foreign Aid
- ~~3~~ Rep. David Martin (R-Neb) Rice
- ~~4~~ Rep. Del Clawson (R-Ca) Rice
- 5. Rep. Bill Harsha (R-Ohio) Mass Transit
- ~~6~~ Sen. John Tower (R-Tex) Mass Transit
- 7. Sen. Russell Long (D-La) Trade

*11/16/74
Called all but
Sen. Long & Cong Harsha.
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 14, 1974

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Rep. LaMar Baker (R-Tenn)

RECOMMENDED BY: William E. Timmons *WET*

WHEN: Friday morning, November 15

PURPOSE: To allow Baker to express his interest in federal employment.

BACKGROUND: Baker was defeated in his re-election effort. He is Chairman of the conservative GOP "Steering Committee" and any special attention to LaMar will be a symbol to Republicans in his organization.

Baker is particularly interested in becoming Director of the U. S. Park Service (a Bureau of Interior under Rog Morton).

WH Personnel Chief Bill Walker is getting in touch with Baker to discuss employment opportunities.

TALKING POINTS:

1. LaMar, I regret very much your loss last week in Tennessee's Third District. Your support and leadership will be sorely missed in the 94th Congress.
2. What kind of person is the Chattanooga Democrat, Marilyn Lloyd?

3. Do you plan to run again in 1976?
4. I understand you are interested in the U. S. Park Service and that Bill Walker is talking to you about that position and others that come available. I suggest you also discuss your interests directly with Rog Morton.
5. At some point after my Far East trip I will sit down with the personnel people - and appropriate Cabinet - to discuss staffing. While I can't now commit a position, you may be sure I'll do everything I can to assist good Republicans who were unfortunately defeated in the elections.

ACTION:

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 14, 1974

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Rep. Otto Passman (D-La)

RECOMMENDED BY: William E. Timmons *WT*

PURPOSE: To discuss Foreign Aid legislation

BACKGROUND:

- A. Passman is Chairman of the Subcommittee on Foreign Aid, House Committee on Appropriations.
- B. Otto called for the President on Tuesday, November 12th, but Timmons took the call because of a Presidential meeting. Chairman Passman asked if the President could return the call on Friday morning.
- C. The Foreign Aid Authorization has been reported and will soon be considered by the full House. Passman wants to pledge his support on the appropriations bill.

TALKING POINTS: Attached



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT: Presidential Telephone Call to Otto Passman
Concerning the Foreign Assistance Act and
PL 480

You have indicated your desire to call Representative Passman on Friday, November 15th, to solicit his assistance on legislative issues concerning foreign assistance and PL 480.

It is clearly in our interests to get a foreign assistance authorization bill before the 93rd Congress adjourns if certain objectionable amendments reducing funding levels and your flexibility can be eliminated.

Without such a bill we will have no way to proceed with assistance programs in Egypt and other Middle Eastern countries. We will also be confined in our military assistance program almost exclusively to Cambodia and the payment of increased transportation costs. Finally, in the absence of a bill, we will be in a weak tactical position to block highly objectionable amendments to another Continuing Resolution.

When Congress returns from the present recess the House will begin action on HR-17234 which reflects the positions taken by the Foreign Affairs Committee. In the Senate S-3394 has been recommitted to the Foreign Relations Committee. It is unclear whether the Senate committee will again report out its own bill or take up HR-17234 following House passage.

The House bill is preferable to that of the Senate and Mr. Passman may be willing to help during conference or a floor fight in improving the existing House draft.

In the talking points at Tab A the above plus a number of other high priority issues are outlined for your discussion with Mr. Passman.

The talking points also deal with mutual concerns of the Administration and Mr. Passman with PL 480.

Congressman Passman is concerned that there will not be enough rice in this year's PL 480 program. His concern is prompted by the fact that only 75,000 tons out of a proposed one million tons for FY 75 rice procurements have actually been purchased when more than a third of the fiscal year has gone by. The trade is starting to edge downward on rice prices in a belief that even if the Administration wanted to move a million tons the Department of Agriculture would not be able to negotiate, purchase and ship the remaining quantity of rice in the time left. Lower prices mean lower income for rice farmers who figure importantly among Congressman Passman's constituents.

Additionally, if less than a million tons were shipped out and the difference was not taken up by domestic or foreign sales then stocks would increase and under the existing rice legislation, acreage controls would have to be imposed next year. This action would also mean less money for Congressman Passman's constituents.

Earlier this week Congressman Passman called one of the NSC Staff members to say that for every \$1 for rice cut from PL 480 for budget reasons, Congressman Passman could find \$2 to cut from the foreign aid bill.

Whether or not one million tons of rice will be shipped under PL 480 in FY 75 awaits your decision on the final program level in December. That amount of rice will be shipped under the high option only.

Congressman Passman will probably want you to commit yourself to one million tons of rice. You will have to make Congressman Passman aware of some of the competing objectives and of your desire to keep all options open until the information is available for a final decision.

In the talking points at Tab A the above plus a number of other issues about PL 480 are outlined for your discussion with Mr. Passman.

RECOMMENDATION

That you use the Talking Points at Tab A to discuss PL 480 and legislative aspects of foreign assistance with Mr. Passman.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

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TALKING POINTS

1. We very much want a Foreign Assistance Appropriations before the 93rd Congress adjourns if the limits on funding levels and Presidential restrictions can be eased. Without such a bill
 - We will have no aid for the Middle East,
 - MAP funds will be so limited that our aid will be confined to Cambodia and increased transport costs, and
 - Another Continuing Resolution would be the target for more restrictive amendments.
2. We would rather proceed on the basis of the House Authorization bill than the Senate version.
3. We need your help on the floor and later during the appropriation process in your subcommittee to help assure reasonable funding levels.
 - For MAP, we need \$700 million as a minimum but the House version would provide only \$648 million and the Senate version only \$550 million.
 - For Cambodia, the drawdown authority which the House bill allows must be preserved. I also want to avoid arbitrary country ceilings since at least \$525 million will have to be spent in Cambodia in FY 75.
 - \$725 million for Indochina Postwar Reconstruction. The \$573 million in the House bill is not enough, not to mention the \$515 million in the Senate version.
4. We also need your help with easing some of the restrictions on Presidential authority.
 - Both the House and the Senate bills contain provisions to restrict executive action by resolution of either House or by concurrent resolution. These are unconstitutional and would frustrate good administration. We are of course willing to provide informal consultation.

- Limitations on aid to Turkey are simply not in our interest or in the interest of Greece or the Cypriot people.
 - The House bill preserves the President's power to waive prohibitions in the Foreign Assistance Act to meet emergencies or other unforeseen needs. The Senate bill withdraws this crucial authority. I strongly hope the House view will prevail.
5. I appreciate the fine support you have given to our foreign aid programs. I also share your concern in having a good aid program that would be responsive to world needs.
 6. I also share the concern you have voiced earlier of not raising consumer prices unduly. That is why we have not yet moved into the rice market too strongly this year.
 7. As for the future, I expect to make a final decision on the FY 75 PL 480 program within the next month. That leaves time to reach a one million ton shipping goal for rice. This option not only is open but one I would like to choose.
 8. As you know, however, there are many competing objectives. I would value your advice on what I should do, but I want to assure you of my intention to all that I can to send as much food abroad as is reasonably possible.

DAVE MARTIN
&
DEL CLAWSON

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
November 13, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William E. Timmons *WET*
SUBJECT: Rice Legislation

Both your address to the Joint Session of the Congress on October 8, and your message to go up next Monday, strongly emphasize the need for prompt action on new rice legislation. Quick, favorable response to your request would be a timely and appropriate way for the Congress to respond to the calls for increased production coming from the World Food Conference.

The Committee on Rules of the House considered H.R. 15263 on September 18, and in a tie vote (6 to 6) failed to grant a rule (breakdown of the vote is attached). We feel it will take a call from you to at least two Members to turn them around, so this measure can be considered by the House.

Mr. Martin, the ranking member, was persuaded to vote against the rice bill by Farm Bureau and in reaction to heavy pressure from the industry. However, we think he would reconsider his vote "in the national interest."

Mr. Clawson has no rice growers in his district, but voted the interests of California rice growers in opposing the bill. California growers, along with those in Texas and Southern Louisiana, are reluctant to give up the value that has accrued to allotments they possess. If Mr. Clawson can't change his position, perhaps he can be persuaded to be absent when the issue comes up again next week in Committee.

Once the legislation gets off dead-center, we have every reason to believe it will be approved by the House and be taken up quickly in the Senate.

RECOMMENDATION

That you call Messrs. Martin and Clawson and ask them to support the granting of a rule for rice legislation.

ACTION

Attachment

VOTE ON ADOPTION OF THE RULE FOR H. R. 15263

THE RICE ACT

September 18, 1974

Madden	Yea	Martin	No
Delaney	Absent	Anderson	Yea
Bolling	No	Quillen	Yea
Sisk	No	Latta	Absent
Young	No	Clawson	No
Pepper	Yea		
Matsunaga	Yea		
Murphy	Yea		
Long	No		
McSpadden	Absent		

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON
November 14, 1974

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Rep. William Harsha (R-Ohio)
Ranking Republican, House Public Works Committee

DATE: Friday morning, November 15, 1974

PURPOSE: To neutralize his (and Committee of Public Works) opposition to mass transit bill.

RECOMMENDED BY: William E. Timmons *WT*

BACKGROUND:

1. S. 386 is a six-year, \$11.8 billion mass transit bill. A substantial portion of the funds will go out on a formula basis to the states and cities and elected officials have the option of using a portion of the funds for operating expenses. The bill is nearly identical to the mass transit bill which was proposed by the Administration early in 1974. This bill, as reported out of Conference, is the direct result of a telephone call from you to Sen. Williams following your meeting with the Mayors last month.
2. The bill that the Conferees were considering was a two-year operating subsidy bill; therefore, the current bill is substantially outside the scope of the original bill. The S. 386 Conferees were from the House and Senate Banking Committees. The House Committee on Public Works recently reported out a six-year, \$11.3 billion mass transit bill. Accordingly, the Public Works members strongly oppose S. 386 for jurisdictional reasons. Just prior to the recess, the Committee on Rules split 6-6 and thus S. 386 has not yet been granted a rule.

3. The current strategy is for the Senate to pick up the papers from the House and, hopefully, pass it with an overwhelming margin. This will then build pressure on the House Rules Committee to grant a rule.

TALKING POINTS:

1. I recognize that all of us are in favor of a long-term mass transit bill and this goal is reflected in the bill passed by the House Public Works Committee as well as in S. 386.
2. I further certainly can understand the point of view of the Public Works Committee members on the jurisdictional question. There is no doubt that the S. 386 Conferees have reported out a bill substantially different from both the House and Senate versions which were originally under consideration. However, the nation desperately needs this mass transit legislation, and we must all work towards this goal and not let jurisdictional questions stand in the way.
3. I am convinced that, if S. 386 fails, it is unlikely that we will get a long-term transit bill this year and, perhaps, not even next year. This is a risk we cannot afford to take as a nation and, therefore, I ask for your consideration in our efforts in passing S. 386. I recognize that you may want to support the Public Works Committee bill, but I hope you will not block S. 386 and permit a House floor vote on the merits.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 14, 1974

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Sen. John Tower (R-Tex)
Ranking Republican, Senate Banking Committee

DATE: Friday morning, November 15, 1974.

PURPOSE: To urge his active leadership on mass transit bill.

RECOMMENDED BY: William E. Timmons *WET*

BACKGROUND:

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TALKING POINTS:

1. I recognize the key role that you have played as ranking Republican on the Senate Banking Committee in shaping this legislation. I appreciate the efforts you have made with Sen. Williams in reshaping this bill into a long-term mass transit program as I requested.
2. I believe it's critical that this legislation pass during this session because we have no assurances that the 94th Congress will take up mass transit as priority legislation.
3. A strong Senate vote in support of this bill will provide the best medicine to achieve favorable treatment in the House Rules Committee and on the House floor. We are looking to you for leadership on the Republican side to insure the Senate victory.

THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS
WASHINGTON

November 14, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Telephone Call to Senator Long

Action Requested: That you telephone Senator Long before leaving on your trip and request that the Senate Finance Committee report the trade bill early next week (November 19).

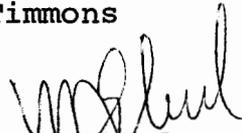
Background: Senator Long feels that this is the Administration's bill. Senator Byrd will request the bill be held in committee until Secretary Kissinger can appear upon his return from the Far East in early December. Unless he receives your personal request to move the bill quickly out of committee, he may move to consideration of other matters of his choice without reporting the trade bill now. Due to the brief time remaining in this session such a delay would reduce the chances of the bill's passage.

The amended bill and committee report are being printed and will be ready for immediate committee action.

Senator Long may ask about other matters of interest to him, i.e., (a) Cargo Preference* - Domestic Council and EPB have recommended veto unless the bill has a broader waiver provision. You have received a memo on this. (b) Tax package - refer him to Secretary Simon who has been discussing this with Chairman Mills. (c) Gas de-regulation - we and Senator Long desire a clean bill. (d) Why has Secretary Kissinger not met with Senator Byrd on the East West trade title - he has offered to meet and may have called him by the time of this call.

Recommended Attendance: Timmons

* SEN LONG SUPPORTS
CARGO PREFERENCE.


W. D. Eberle

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 18, 1974

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS
FROM: JERRY H. JONES
SUBJECT: Telephone Requests

Your memorandum to the President of November 14 on the above subject has been reviewed and the following notation was made:

-- 11/16/74. Called all but Sen. Long
and Cong. Harsha.

cc: Don Rumsfeld