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INFORMATION

January 8, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

KEN COLE

*HRG.*

SUBJECT:

ENERGY CONSERVATION BY FEDERAL AGENCIES

Here is an update on energy conservation by Federal agencies. Attached for background information is a detailed report prepared last Fall by Rog Morton (Tab 1).

Briefly, the key facts on the FY 1974 program and the results for the first quarter of FY 1975 are as follows:

- On June 29, 1973, all agencies were directed to hold FY 1974 energy consumption 7% below anticipated requirements. FEA reports that FY 1974 consumption was reduced 24% -- savings equivalent to 90 million barrels of oil or \$725 million. The large savings were due in part to the embargo and last year's warm winter.
- On October 18, 1974, you directed agencies to hold FY 1975 consumption 15% below FY 1973 levels. Information just received from the FEA indicates that consumption during the first quarter was 21% below 1973. Results for the second quarter should be available about March 1. GSA is issuing new conservation guidelines for new and existing office buildings.

The following may be helpful in assessing the above:

- Federal domestic energy consumption accounts for about 2.3% of total national consumption.
- Conservation by DOD, which accounts for 84% of Federal demand, largely determines the success of the program. Next largest users are AEC (5%), GSA (3%), NASA (1.7%) and VA (1.6%).
- Principal energy users are for aircraft, ship and vehicle operations (61%) and building and facility operations (39%).
- Of the energy consumed by agencies, about 41% is in aviation fuel, 19% electricity, 16% diesel fuel and distillates, 9% natural gas, 8% heating oil, 4% coal and 3% gasoline.

