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THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY WASHINGTON

January 24, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

I thought you would be interested in the following which was brought to my attention by one of my staff.

At a Cabinet meeting early in his first term, President Eisenhower was warned by Treasury Secretary George Humphrey that the national debt might go above the legal limit.

"Who will have to go to jail if that happens?" Ike inquired.

"We will have to go to Congress", Humphrey said.

"Oh my God," the President replied, "that's worse."

William E. Simon

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 27, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

BOB ORBEN

FROM:

JERRY H

The attached was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation to you:

-- Information.

cc: Don Rumsfeld