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February 17, 1975

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Last year, mainly through the work of the Senate Steering Committee, the Consumer Protection Act was stopped. I say this not to minimize the contributions of others on both sides of the aisle, but to point out what was well-known -- that the Committee's interest in this measure was more than routine.

I am, therefore, somewhat surprised to find that the Administration is again considering what position to take on consumer legislation, and that our Committee members have not been consulted. I hope that an opportunity to present our views, should there be insufficient time at the dinner this evening, will be made available prior to a final decision on the official policy of the White House.

Sincerely,

James A. McClure United States Senator

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 19, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:



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

-- I know of no such proposal. Is there one?

Would you please put together a status report on exactly where we stand on the Consumer Protection Act legislation for the President. Also, a reply to this letter should be prepared for the President's signature in coordination with the Congressional Relations Office. Please return both items to this office.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld Jack Marsh Max Friedersdorf

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 19, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

JERRY JONES DICK CHENEY

Jerry, attached is a letter from Senator McClure.

It deals with the Consumer Protection Act.

He indicates that the Administration is again considering what position to take on that legislation.

There's a handwritten note on it from the President.

Get me a status report on exactly what is going on there. Presumably, the Domestic Council has the action.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 20, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JERRY JONES DICK CHENEY

FROM:

Jerry, Paul O'Neill evidentally has a paper going around on the Consumer Protection Act.

He has an option paper in the works, and evidentally there has been some leak of it because now McClure and others are hollering.

I mentioned this to you verbally, but you want to keep an eye on it and make certain we get that up in an orderly fashion, but also keep in mind that we don't want any decision to be made on the issue or position taken until such time as the President's had an opportunity to consult with the GOP Steering Committee in the Senate. They are deeply interested.