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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 22, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT:

Congressional Mail
Memorandum of 3/20/76

The President returned your memorandum of March 20, 1976 concerning Congressional Mail in the outbox with the following question:

In connection with Item #4 from Albert Johnson:
"Jack and Max should I?"

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney
Jack Marsh

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 20, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF



SUBJECT:

Congressional Mail

For your information, I am attaching the log of Congressional mail received on March 19.

This mail is being handled routinely by my office.



cc: Richard B. Cheney

President's Mail - March 19, 1976

House

1. Mark Hannaford Expresses opposition to an executive order being issued to open the Los Alamitos, California, Naval Air Station to general aviation purposes, and urges that this expansion not be allowed.
2. Jim Weaver Writes on behalf of students from Ashland Senior High School Learning Center who would like to arrange for a cruise on a Navy ship in California. (The students visit Mexico each year to help the Miracle Ranch Orphanage.)
3. Bill Archer Requests telegram of congratulations to Frank E. Mann, who has served in many public positions in Houston, to be read at his Appreciation Dinner.
4. Albert Johnson Requests the President to make a television endorsement for him to be used in the Pennsylvania Primary on April 27. "Normally, I would not ask another Republican office-holder to help me in a primary election, but when my support of your vetoes becomes a major issue in the campaign, I think such a request is not inappropriate." Says he has asked Senators Scott and Schweiker, the State Chairman, and the Pennsylvania President Ford Committee Chairman to send the President a joint telegram endorsing this request. Says his office will supply suggested scripts or other assistance.
*Jack + Mark
Should*
5. Albert Quie Endorses invitation to attend the Minnesota Bicentennial Freedom Fest on June 26 in Minneapolis.
6. Margaret Heckler
Ronald Sarasin
Jack Kemp Write about Lebanon's role as a stabilizing influence in the Middle East being jeopardized as a result of internal conflict. Note that Maronite Bishop Francis Zayek and Mr. Monsour Ferris, National Chairman of the Americans to Save Lebanon, have investigated the situation and possible solutions and would like to meet with the President and appropriate advisers. Recall that they met with Milt Mitler last Fall.
7. James Abdnor Encloses detailed letter he received from Bob Duxbury, South Dakota's Secretary of Agriculture, in regard to the effects of increased palm oil imports on the domestic soybean producers.

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8. James Abdnor
Writes in detail about the Meat Import Act and the effect the excess of meat imported ("not only above the levels voluntarily negotiated but above the statutory 'trigger point' as well") has on a market oriented agriculture policy. "Negotiated import levels for the coming year must allow for a sufficient margin to ensure that the trigger point is not exceeded. Furthermore, it is only just that those nations which exceeded the levels negotiated in good faith, and thereby were responsible for the trigger point being breached, ought to be penalized a like amount to their overages in import levels negotiated for this year." Adds a handwritten p.s. saying that he feels the same kind of action taken on specialty steel imports should be taken on behalf of the cattle industry.
9. James Blanchard
Writes on behalf of veterans organizations in Michigan requesting that the President intercede with the V.A. in order to bring about the construction of a new V.A. Hospital in the Detroit area.
10. Peter Peyser
Says he realizes the need to hold down the Budget, but also believes the 50 million dollars for the 1980 International Winter Olympics Games could be easily obtained "by adjusting what your own Agriculture Department feels is the outrageous subsidy being paid this year, and over the next four years, to the peanut farmers." Says the amount saved would be 804 million dollars over the next five years.
11. William Wampler
Encloses letter he sent to the Secretary of HEW urging a waiver of the proposed Health Service Area for Southwest Virginia to allow it to include several adjacent areas. Says this is supported by the Governors of Virginia and Tennessee and others, and that the situation is similar to the one in Pennsylvania which prompted such a waiver for that State.
12. William Ketchum
Recommends Robert C. Kramer for the Board for International Food and Agriculture Development.
13. Phil Landrum
Recommends Gary L. Curran for Alternate Federal Co-chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

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14. Tom Bevill Recommends Gary L. Curran for Alternate Federal Co-chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission.
15. Alan Steelman Recommends Charles Luna for reappointment to the Board of Amtrak.
16. Thad Cochran Recommends Irby Turner, Jr., for the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.
17. L. H. Fountain Endorses invitation to address the National Association of Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling Contractors convention at the Sheraton Park Hotel June 19-23.
18. Larry Pressler Endorses invitation to address the Distributive Education Clubs Career Development Conference in May in Chicago.
19. 17 Members Send detailed letter urging that "immediate steps be taken to program at least one million tons of rice under P.L. 480 and arrange to have it shipped prior to the new rice crop in August." Point out that a commitment of 850,000 tons was established for fiscal 1976, but that only 385,000 tons have been programmed. Believe the commitment is in serious jeopardy of not being fulfilled due to "bureaucratic inaction." Note that "the latest purchase of rice under P.L. 480 by Bangladesh took place last week after a lapse of almost five months and went at prices over \$100 per metric ton, or about 40% lower than the previous purchase in October, 1975. The price collapse is due to the programming delay and the widespread conviction that the 850,000 ton commitment will not be fulfilled in time." Request a meeting with the President and top advisers to discuss the matter.

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Senate

- 1S Strom Thurmond Sends letter of appreciation for the President's action regarding specialty steel imports.
- 2S Mark Hatfield Says he was pleased to hear the President's statement in Illinois expressing interest in the development of a comprehensive food policy. Calls attention to S. 881 and Senate Concurrent Resolution 66, with the former establishing an Office of Food Administration to deal with domestic and international food policy, and the latter being known as the "Right to Food" Resolution. Requests information on the President's proposal and suggests that these two bills be considered. Also offer "congratulations on your continuing victories in the primaries."
- 3S Bill Hathaway Writes detailed letter as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Alcoholism and Narcotics to urge signing of the bill to extend and expand federal efforts in the treatment and prevention of heroin addiction and other forms of drug abuse.
- 4S William Proxmire Writes about potential conflicts of interests and other problems which he indicates might affect John W. Corcoran's ability to serve as an SEC Commissioner. Requests information on this matter.
- 5S Robert Morgan Endorses invitation to address the National Association of Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors convention at the Sheraton Park June 19-23.
- 6S Bill Brock Endorses invitation to attend the "Mule Day 1976" celebration in Columbia, Tennessee, April 3.
- 7S William Roth Recommends Dr. Robert Hilliard for the FCC.