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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 28, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: THE STAFF SECRETARY

FROM: ROLAND L. ELLIOTT 

SUBJECT: Incoming Presidential Mail for the  
Week of March 24-28, 1975

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Incoming Presidential mail this week totaled approximately 21,000 pieces. The main issues of concern were the Middle East, Southeast Asia and the Tax Bill.

On the Tax Bill, 158 writers requested that you sign it, 518 requested a veto. Those urging a veto expressed special concern over excessive deficits and/or inflation. Also, "middle class" writers continued to express strong concern over the "inequity" of the tax structure generally.

Your announcement of a complete review and reassessment of U.S. policy in the Middle East drew significant response (1,052 pieces). Those supporting reassessment (106) generally argued for a limitation on U.S. arms and aid to Israel. Those opposing reassessment (918) urged continued and/or increased American assistance to Israel.

On other foreign policy questions, continued U.S. aid to Southeast Asia was supported by 394 writers and opposed by 542. Continued U.S. recognition of the Baltic Nations was urged by 963 writers.

The remaining mail covered a range of subjects, urging you to:

- (1) Support a National Visitors Center in Vincennes, Indiana: 1,067;
- (2) Support and enforce environmental regulations: 498;
- (3) Oppose busing: 424;

(4) Continue subsidies to Military Commissaries: 269;

(5) Return Veterans Day to November 11: 251;

(6) Oppose Federal gun and ammunition controls: 216.

In the mail sample, there is a very moving letter from Allan E. Junker, Lt., USN, concerning Southeast Asia. It is under the "Southeast Asia" tab.

cc: Paul Theis