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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

April 15, 1975

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT A.

FROM: PAUL H. O'NEILL

SUBJECT: Telephone call to Al Quie

You mentioned this morning that you had a pending call from Al Quie.

Two background facts that may be useful to you when you return his call:

1. The Congressman called me last week to say that we should not send to the Hill your Child Nutrition Block Grant proposal. You will recall this proposal would consolidate the child nutrition programs; limit benefits to those children who come from families with incomes below the poverty line, and as a result, hold the Federal cost in FY 76 to \$1.7 billion instead of the \$2.2 billion level we anticipate under the current categorical approach.

Al says that his concern is that if we send a bill now it could solidify the forces that are trying to add more benefits to the categorical programs.

I met with Mr. Quie after his phone call last week and got him to agree to review with his staff our draft bill in the hope that we could come into agreement.

I sent him the bill this morning.

2. In a private conversation several weeks ago, Al told me that the Administration should not send a reorganization plan to the Hill, as permitted by the bill you signed in December, to abolish OEO and transfer its remaining functions to HEW and Commerce.

He said, "So long as Cap Weinberger is at HEW, I will not carry the Administration's plan on this."

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 15, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

PAUL O'NEILL JERRY H. JONE Telephone Call to Al Quie

SUBJECT:

Your memorandum to the President of April 15 on the above subject has been reviewed and the following notation was made to you:

> -- 4/15/75. Talked with Al Q. and he urges we <u>not</u> send up Child Nutrition legislation. Talk with me.

Also, wait on OEO until I talk with Jim and you.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld