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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

5/7/75

TO: JACK MARSH

FROM: JERRY JONES

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WASHINGTON

MAY 7, 1975

THE PRESIDENT ASKED THAT  
THE ATTACHED BE RETURNED  
TO JACK MARSH.

SWIMMING POOL QUESTIONS

1. With more than 8 million people out of work, how can you justify spending over \$200,000 to build a swimming pool for one man to swim in?
2. You have drawn the line on spending. How can you expect to get support for your goals when you now spend \$200,000 for a swimming pool?
3. Isn't this in effect "Nixon money" being spent on a pool since it was money raised for his inauguration ?
4. Is it true that some of the Inaugural Committee money was used to pay ex-Watergate defendants after their trials? (Magruder and Porter)?
5. Where did this money come from? Did the people who gave the money know it was going to be spent on the swimming pool? Isn't the Inaugural Committee a continuing bi-partisan effort? Have the Democrats then agreed to spending this money? Wouldn't it be better just to hold it in trust and spend it on the next Inaugural?
6. Would you be willing to provide a list of contributors -- people who put up this \$200,000? Are there a lot of "fat cats" involved? Is there anyone who gave this money who might expect favors from the Federal Government? How much came from corporations which have pled guilty to Federal campaign violations?
7. Would there be an opportunity for anyone else -- say "welfare kids" -- to swim in this pool that the American people are paying for?
8. Why not use \$200,000 to build several public swimming pools -- for the people who really need it ... to keep kids off the streets during the hot Washington summers...it might reduce the crime rate in the Nation's Capital.
9. Please explain why it will cost \$200,000 to build a swimming pool? I understand the pool itself only costs about \$20,000. Is the rest being spent on frills for the President -- saunas, plush dressing rooms, special heating systems, air conditioning?
10. The Swimming Pool Institute has been involved in promoting this pool. Don't they have a vested interest here? Won't it help the manufacturers who fund the Pool Institute to sell pools by using the President in their advertisements? Don't some of these Institute members do business with the Federal Government?

11. You are so concerned about the Vietnamese refugees..wouldn't this money be better spent to help some of them get settled? This money would give several Vietnamese families enough money to live out the rest of thier lives in comfort?
12. How is your mail running on this thing? Could we look at some of the public reaction?
13. What if the next President is not a swimmer? Wouldn't this be money wasted for one year-- or five at the best?