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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . .

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 10, 1975

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Congressman Jim Jones (D-Okla)
(225-2211)

FROM: Jerry H. Jones 

BACKGROUND: During the debate on the White House Authorization Bill last night, Jim Jones was a real soldier in support of the Presidency. He offered a substitute bill which was your original authorization recommendation to the Congress and he worked diligently for its passage. His presentation of the issue on the Floor was well organized and comprehensive.

Unfortunately, we were not able to carry Jones' substitute amendment and lost the vote 242 to 146. Thirty-six Republicans did not vote with us and some twenty Democrats who had previously been with us voted no after the substitution was a clear loser. Chairman Henderson's strong rejection of the substitution led to the defeat. This opposition was uncontrollable and in fact he had indicated he would not oppose it so strongly.

TALKING POINTS: 1. Jim, I am calling to thank you for your effort on behalf of the White House Authorization Bill on the House Floor last night.

2. My staff tells me you worked diligently for the Presidency and stuck out your neck when you did not need to -- based on the principle of comity and the need for the President to be able to organize his office as he personally sees fit.

3. I am sorry the vote did not work out but I want you to know I appreciate your good effort.

ACTION _____

RFJ

*Called 7/11/75
from A.F. #1.*