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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 28, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH

FROM:

JIM CONNOR 

The further information you supplied concerning Secretary Morton's reaction to Representative John Murphy's concern about the Department of Interior's proposed lease sales for the Outer Continental Shelf in California and Alaska has been reviewed by the President. The following notation was made:

"Proceed"

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 23, 1975

MR PRESIDENT:

As requested, we have obtained Secretary Morton's reaction to Representative John Murphy's concern about the Department of Interior's proposed lease sales for the Outer Continental Shelf in California and Alaska.

Secretary Morton agrees with you that to delay 90 days would be unwise and recommends Interior proceed as scheduled with its October and December lease sales for the Outer Continental Shelf in California and Alaska.

Jim Connor



Jim Connor
Proceed

RED TAG

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 8, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH

FROM:

CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *CLJ.*

SUBJECT:

Rep. John M. Murphy (D-NY)

*Should proceed
Murphy's reaction?*

On Thursday, April 7, 1975, I accepted a telephone call from Rep. John Murphy to the President or you, in Nell Yates' office. ~~The purpose of~~ **Rep.** Murphy's telephone call was to request the President to suspend or delay for a period of ninety days, the Department of Interior's proposed lease sales for the Outer Continental Shelf in California and Alaska, now scheduled for October and December, respectively.

Rep. Murphy, Chairman of the House Ad Hoc Committee on the Outer Continental Shelf, is conducting a series of hearings throughout the nation on the Outer Continental Shelf and was calling from Alaska where he was conducting hearings.

Murphy states that in both California and Alaska, the Governors plus other state and local officials have sought a ninety (90) day delay in the proposed lease sales for October and December because the states and localities have not had sufficient time and cannot plan for the impact on local communities of the exploration and drilling activities. Murphy further stated that any federal assistance also comes too late to be of benefit to the localities.

Murphy feels the request for a 90 day delay in the proposed lease sales for California and Alaska is reasonable and he supports the delay.

Murphy went on to state that his Committee is going to continue with its hearings on all coasts despite the fact that S. 521, to provide orderly exploration of the energy resources of the Outer Continental Shelf, has been reported in the Senate. Murphy contends that his Committee will report out his bill H. R. 6218, to establish a policy for the management of oil and natural gas on the Outer Continental Shelf, to protect the marine and coastal environment and to amend the outer continental shelf lands act, go to conference with the Senate and send a bill to the President probably before the October lease sale is completed.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 14, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH
CHARLES LEPPERT, JR.

FROM:

JIM CONNOR

SUBJECT:

Rep. John M. Murphy (D-N. Y.)

The President has reviewed your memorandum of August 8th regarding Rep. John Murphy's concern about the Department of Interior's proposed lease sales for the Outer Continental Shelf in California and Alaska. The following notation was made:

"Should proceed -- Morton's reaction?"

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 19, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR
THROUGH: MAX FRIEDERSDORF *RKW*
FROM: VERN LOEN *VL*
SUBJECT: Rep. John M. Murphy (D. -N. Y.)

Jack Marsh directed me to follow up on the memorandum of August 14 (attached). I spoke with Dr. Sam Tuthill, who is Secretary Morton's chief energy adviser.

Dr. Tuthill says Secretary Morton agrees with the President that to delay 90 days would be unwise and recommends Interior proceed as scheduled with its October and December lease sales for the Outer Continental Shelf in California and Alaska.

Attachment

cc: Don Rumsfeld

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WASHINGTON

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