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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 24, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

ROLAND ELLIOTT

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR *JEC*

The attached was returned in the President's outbox with the request that a thank you be sent to Dr. Elson.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

Attachment:

Prayer by the Chaplain of the Senate  
September 23, 1975

Prayer by the Chaplain of the Senate  
The Rev. Edward L. R. Elson, D.D.  
Tuesday, September 23, 1975

*Thank Dr. Elson*

God of our Fathers and our God, who has watched over Thy people from generation to generation, we thank Thee this day for Thy providential protection of the President of this Republic. Invest him now with a fresh awareness of Thy presence and Thy power that he may fearlessly walk and work, assured of Thy grace and goodness.

Let Thy blessing be upon the custodians of public safety by whose skill and devotion life and property are made secure.

We beseech Thee to forgive the evil motives, to expel the distorted thoughts, and to restrain the violent acts of those who would frustrate the ordered life of the Nation.

Be especially near to us in this Chamber. Let Thy spirit be upon our whole lives, that they may be strong in Thy power, wise with Thy wisdom and beautiful with Thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Mr. President -  
A beautiful  
prayer offered this  
morning at the opening  
of the Senate by Rev. Elson  
& followed by warm  
statements by both  
leaders -  
Wick*