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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 16, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CANNON

FROM: JIM CONNOR 

The attached letters from Governor James A. Rhodes of Ohio were returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

"Let's give this top consideration with report to me as soon as possible"

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Oct. 10, 1975

NOTE TO : JIM CONNOR'S
OFFICE

FROM : JIM CANNON 

The attached information was
given to me by Governor Rhodes.

I have a copy and will follow
up on the necessary items.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 14, 1975

MR PRESIDENT:

The attached letters are
for your information.

They were given to Jim Cannon
by Governor Rhodes and Jim Cannon
is following up on the necessary items.

Jim Connor

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possible*



THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

October 7, 1975

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

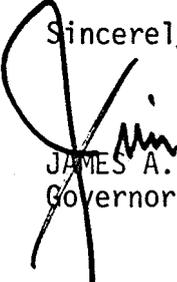
In 1969, when you were in the House, you supported a move to have the Seaway Development Corporation headquarters moved to Cleveland. Since that time a Washington office has been established and, like most things, has grown like Topsy. As part of your effort to make the Federal Government more responsive to the needs of regions like the Great Lakes, the Corporation office should be in the Great Lakes. We have \$275,000,000 in our bond issue for ports and waterways development. After five years the Maritime Administration finally opened a Great Lakes office in Cleveland. The Seaway Corporation's move should be next. Without a twelve-month Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway transportation system, the United States' share of world trade will continue to decline.

One way to eliminate the fragmentation and proliferation of Federal agencies is the creation of a Great Lakes Regional Commission. The Great Lakes' region has suffered over the years because it lacked an overall method for funding its regional needs. HR 4073 should be amended to permit an organized, efficient way of funding through a Great Lakes' Regional Commission.

If this course is followed, all other regional entities should be abolished with the new Regional Commission assuming the functions, with a headquarters in the Great Lakes. Having the present Regional Commissions headquartered in Washington never did make sense to me. The provisions for both energy and transportation development in HR 4073 also makes sense to me. Since Vice President Rockefeller is wrestling with the 27-billion-dollar Federal Research and Development budget, I would suggest that the Regional Commission approach be considered as a vehicle for funding research and development since most regions have need for specialized technologies.

We would be glad to assist in expediting these concepts.

Sincerely,


JAMES A. RHODES
Governor



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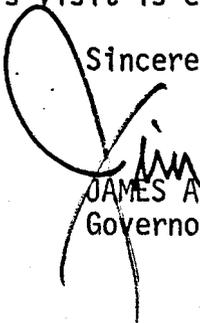
According to my reports, the U. S. Department of Transportation has transmitted its Fiscal Year 1977 budget request to your office of Management and Budget. It is my further understanding that hearings on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's budget will be held on October 23, 1975.

My concern about the N.H.T.S.A. budget is whether or not it includes the National Compliance Test Facility for Ohio that I talked with you about in July. As you know, we have been waiting since 1972 for approval of this project. Your support is urgently requested so construction can begin in 1977.

One other item of extreme importance to us and, we think, the Nation, is passage of our Transportation Bond Issue in November. Our cause could be helped by having Secretary Coleman visit our Transportation Center to announce the location of N.H.T.S.A.'s Engineering Facility. The lease between Ohio and the Federal Government is ready to sign. We could use his visit (which should be prior to the election, Tuesday, November 4, 1975) to have Secretary Coleman urge passage of this "forward looking" transportation issue. The announcement that you are going to include the Compliance Test Facility in your Fiscal Year 1977 budget would also help.

An early date for Secretary Coleman's visit is essential.

Sincerely,


JAMES A. RHODES
Governor



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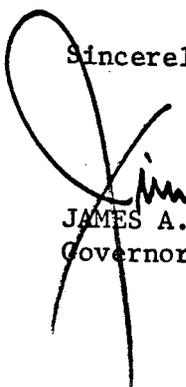
Ohio needs additional natural gas to keep our industries open and people working. There are huge reserves of natural gas in the shale formations in the whole Appalachian area and particularly in Ohio.

We have developed a program to unlock the natural gas from the shale formations. This will be a \$100,000,000 research and development effort. We would like to call on Mr. Joseph Pasini to help us with this program. He is the foremost expert in this field. His present position is as follows:

Mr. Joseph Pasini, III
Research Supervisor for Petroleum
Natural Gas and In-situ Technology
Energy Research and Development Administration
Morgantown Research Center
P.O. Box 880
Collins Ferry Road
Morgantown, West Virginia 26505

ERDA has a policy of assigning these specialists to State agencies. Would you have him assigned to the Ohio Energy and Resource Development Agency for a period of six months.

Sincerely,


JAMES A. RHODES
Governor

Dear Jim:

Bob Seamans has told me that the Energy Research and Development Administration can assign Joseph Pasini to the Ohio Energy and Resource Development Agency on a temporary basis.

I'm pleased we can respond favorably to your request and that the Federal Government and the State of Ohio can work together in solving our critical energy problems.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

The Honorable James A. Rhodes
Governor of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio 43215

cc: The Honorable Robert C. Seamans, Jr.

*Dated & signed 11/1/75
to stripping*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*See memo
11/1/75*

November 1, 1975

MR PRESIDENT:

The other two letters received
from Governor Rhodes on
October 7th are being handled
by Jim Cannon.

Jim Connor

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handwriting*