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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 31, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES T. LYNN  
FROM: JIM CONNOR  
SUBJECT: 1977 Budget Request for the National  
Center for Productivity and Quality  
of Working Life

The President has reviewed your memorandum of December 30, 1975, and has approved your recommendation of accepting the Center's request for 1977 as a means of demonstrating his strong support for federal productivity efforts. [\$5 million and 40-full time employees]

Please follow up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney



## EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

DEC 30 1975

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES T. LYNN

SUBJECT: 1977 Budget Request for the National Center for Productivity and Quality of Working Life

On November 28, 1975, you signed legislation (P.L. 94-136) creating a National Center for Productivity and Quality of Working Life. The Center absorbs the functions of the National Commission on Productivity and Work Quality and is also authorized to assist in the formation of national productivity policies, to coordinate federal productivity activities, to review the effect of regulatory agencies on productivity, and to stimulate and support private and public productivity efforts.

On December 9, the Center presented a 1977 budget request for \$5 million and 40 full-time permanent employees. This request, which was strongly supported by the Vice President in his capacity as Chairman of the Center's Board of Directors, would substantially increase funding for federal productivity efforts. The 1976 budget for the predecessor Productivity Commission was \$2.0M and provided for 20 employees. Nevertheless, the Center's 1977 request is consistent with the enlarged federal productivity responsibilities envisioned in the legislation.

I recommend acceptance of the Center's request for 1977 as a means of demonstrating your strong support for federal productivity efforts.

Approve

Disapprove