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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 31, 1975.

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES T. LYNN
FROM:  JIM CONNOR
SUBJECT: LEAA'S JUVENILE DELIQUENCY PREVENTION
PROGRAM

The President has reviewed your memorandum of December 30th on the above subject and approved the following decision:

Accept Attorney General's appeal of \$25 million BA in 1976. Defer the remaining \$15 million until 1977. (This change can be accommodated within the current outlay estimate for FY 1977.) OMB concurred.

Please follow up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

*signed
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

DEC 30 1975

DECISION

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: JAMES T. LYNN
SUBJECT: LEAA's Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Program

Attorney General Levi has beseeched that you reconsider your budget decisions with respect to LEAA's Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Program. You have previously decided that we should seek a rescission of the entire FY 1976 appropriation of \$40 million (FY 1976 outlays of \$4 million; TQ outlays of \$7 million; FY 1977 outlays of \$21 million; FY 1978 outlays of \$8 million) and should limit our FY 1977 request for new budget authority to \$10 million.

The Attorney General argues that:

- During the FY 1976 appropriation process he was successful in reducing the budget level from \$70 million to \$40 million by assuring Congress that some lower amount would be acceptable.
- Juvenile delinquency assistance to states is programmatically sound and ranks much higher in priority than virtually all other LEAA efforts.
- Such assistance should be regarded as complementary to your other anticrime initiatives (e.g., tougher sentencing, prison reform).

OMB's objections to separate funding of JDPP have been based on:

- Recognition that large amounts of LEAA money (in excess of \$100 million) already goes to fund juvenile efforts.
- The \$25 million appropriated for new JDPP in FY 1975 has not yet produced program results adequate for program evaluation.

-- Separate funding simply adds to the number of categorical grant programs.

It is a virtual certainty that Congress will reject our rescission request and will provide additional separate funding in 1977. It therefore seems inescapable that a new categorical grant program is an accomplished fact.

The Attorney General believes that it is time to stop resisting the inevitable. He requests that we agree to fund \$25 million of the \$40 million appropriation for 1976. He further requests that we submit a proposal to the Congress to defer the remaining \$15 million until FY 1977 (which, when combined with the \$10 million already approved under your allowance, would result in a program level of \$25 million in 1977). The effect of the Attorney General's proposals would be to establish steady state funding levels of \$25 million in 1976 and 1977, also the same funding level as the Congress provided in 1975.

Recommendation

OMB recommends that you accede to the Attorney General's request. Although we continue to resist proliferation of categorical programs, this particular proliferation is virtually inevitable. Furthermore, the Attorney General's personal efforts to reduce FY 1976 appropriations levels has given rise to a commitment that some funding would be accepted in FY 1976. Finally, steady state funding at \$25 million would be perceived as complementary to your other crime initiatives.

Decision

Accept Attorney General's appeal of \$25 million BA in FY 1976. Defer the remaining \$15 million until 1977. (This change can be accommodated within the current outlay estimate for FY 1977.) (OMB concurs.)

Approve



No change in previous decision: \$0 in FY 1976 (rescind \$40 million) and \$10 million BA in FY 1977.

See me.