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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 17, 1975

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Congressman Charles A. Mosher

DATE: At the President's convenience

RECOMMENDED BY: *M.F.*
Max Friedersdorf and Vern Loen

PURPOSE: To express the President's regret that Congressman Mosher has decided to retire from the Congress and to express appreciation for his support.

BACKGROUND: Last week Congressman Mosher announced his retirement. He has held an elective office since 1945 and has served Ohio's thirteenth district since 1960. He is the ranking minority member on the House Science and Technology Committee and the senior minority member on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. Congressman Mosher has been a leading spokesman for both the Congress and the Republican party on energy and the environment. He played a key role in getting the ERDA Authorization Bill passed this year. He has been a leading figure in the Congress on science education and oceanographic legislation. In his retirement announcement Mr. Mosher stressed his close identification with civil rights causes and the environment.

He feels that it is better to retire too soon than too late and he fully intends to engage in new activities.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

1. The President might express his appreciation for Mosher's strong work on the ERDA Authorization Bill which was a breakthrough on synthetic fuel programs. That conference report, however, was partially turned down by the House last Monday and is currently being negotiated with the Senate.

2. The Congressman and Mrs. Mosher have "declared our personal independence to seek our freedom as of January 3, 1977." Mrs. Mosher (Harriet) will be joining the Congressman in new endeavors and you might wish them success in whatever they undertake.
3. You might express your appreciation for the long friendship which you enjoyed with Congressman Mosher while you were colleagues in the House and during your tenure as Minority Leader.

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Action:

1/4/76 Appreciated.

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