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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 1, 1976'

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CANNON
MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT:

Recommended Telephone
Call to Congressman Otto E. Passman

Your memorandum of February 28 concerning a recommended telephone call to Congressman Otto E. Passman was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

"3/1/76 -- Can't be put in by House Appropriation
but Otto Passman promises he will agree to
Senate figure."

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc; Dick Cheney



THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 28, 1976

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Congressman Otto E. Passman (D-Louisiana),
chairman of Subcommittee on Foreign Operations,
of the Committee on Appropriations.

DATE: Early Monday morning, March 1, 1976.

RECOMMENDED BY: Jim Cannon *Jim*
Max Friedersdorf. *M.B.*

PURPOSE: To urge the chairman to restore the full
\$42.5 million appropriation to the international
narcotics control funds in the Security
Assistance Appropriation Bill.

BACKGROUND: Otto Passman's subcommittee reduced the
funding for the international narcotics control
funds from the authorization level of \$42.5 million
to \$25 million. The only way in which Max
and his staff feel that we can get the full
committee to restore the funds to the \$42.5 million
level is for you to call Otto Passman.

TALKING POINTS:

1. The drug abuse problem is getting worse
again, and is no longer affecting only the
urban centers in the Northeast.
 - The availability and use of hard drugs
has spread to the South and Southwest.
 - Drug use has begun to affect our suburban
and rural areas as well.
2. I have publicly stated that combatting this
problem is a major priority of my
Administration. I have also made this
commitment to a delegation of Congressmen,
and to the leaders of Turkey, Mexico, and
Colombia.
3. Cutting off drugs--particularly heroin and
cocaine--at or near their source in foreign

countries is a vital part of our overall program.

- Most illicit drugs originate overseas.

- It is much easier to intercept or destroy drugs at the front end of the pipeline.

4. Thus, the international narcotics control funds in the Security Assistance Appropriation Bill is vital to deal effectively with this national problem.
5. I would appreciate your help in ensuring that the full \$42.5 million which I requested is approved. Thank you.

3/11/76

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but O.P. promises he will argue
to Senate figure.

