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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 14, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CANNON

THROUGH:

PHIL BUCHEN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JCC*

The attached note was given to Dorothy Downton by the President with the request that it be given to you to prepare a response to Mrs Judd.

For your information this was given to the President by Mrs. Ford at the suggestion of Mrs. Buchen.

I am sending this memorandum to you thru Mr. Buchen's office in case they might possibly have something to add to the story.

Please prepare the requested response to Mrs. Judd.

cc: Dick Cheney

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 14

Trudy,

This is a letter from a friend of the Fords in GR, Mrs. Siegel Judd. Mrs. Judd sent her letter to Mrs. Buchen. You will note in Mrs. Buchen's note to Mrs. Judd that she suggested she (Mrs. Judd) give a copy of her letter to Mrs. Ford when she was in GR last week. Apparently she did this, and Mrs. Ford in turn gave everything to the President!

He gave me this material this morning with the instruction, "Give to Jim Cannon's office and tell them to prepare an answer to Mrs. Judd's letter."

Will you please handle.

Dorothy D.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . .

May 30, 1976

Dear Bunny:

Can you somehow get this message to Jerry or his campaign advisors?

I do understand that they are trying to channel the campaign into selected and most important issues. However, I believe there are two very dangerous attacks on his policies that must be answered - affirmatively.

These are the issues of day care centers and food stamps. Both affect large numbers of low income people who, in November, could defeat the Republican nominee.

On day care, I am enclosing an article in the GR Press on the Day Care issue. In addition, I know too that all women's groups concerned with making it possible for women to hold jobs are working to get more day care centers.

I don't know too much about the subject but I think I agree with Jerry that the standards are unnecessarily high and that administration should be in the hands of the states.

On standards, I recall reading somewhere that they require one adult for each infant. Any mother knows she can care for more than one ch baby at a time. I do believe, however, that reasonable standards are necessary to upgrade the lower quality centers.

On state rather than federal administration, I see no reason why they can't be put on the same basis as welfare: that is, run by the state with grants from the Federal Government which call for certain standards and can be withdrawn if such standards are violated.

For example, this past year Michigan has been found by the Federal government to have been shockingly remiss in the upholding of Federal standards. As a result, the state and local governments got busy. Hal Sawyer has a record as county prosecutor of bringing about the elimination of a great number of cheaters. Local government can do this best - with the threat of loss of funds over it.

Nor do I know much about food stamps - except for one requirement which puzzles me; that is, that for a person to remain eligible for food stamps he must use a certain minimum amount. I have read that not all people need the minimum amount and to comply buy snack and cokes etc which they don't need.

Yet here is an immense lobby being organized - including the State Government of Michigan - opposing Jerry's policy for food stamp reform. Some presentation of detail facts it seems to me is necessary to prevent a landslide ~~against Jerry in the elections~~