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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 13, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX FRIEDERSDORF
FROM: JIM CONNOR *J.C.*
SUBJECT: Congressional Mail

The President reviewed your memorandum of September 11 covering the Congressional Mail received on September 10th and made the following notations:

House #3 - From Charles Bennett -
"Isn't that up there?"

House #9 - From Berkley Bedell
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Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

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WASHINGTON

September 11, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSON *MF*

SUBJECT: Congressional Mail *MRM*

For your information, I am attaching the log of Congressional mail received on September 10, 1976.

This mail is being handled routinely by my office.

cc: Richard B. Cheney

House

1. Congressmen Hightower, Bedell, Baldus, Poage, English, Roncalio, Jenrette, Bergland Fithian, Burleson, Harkin, Sharp, Smith, Burlison, Mahon, Jones, Foley and Nolan

Send detailed letter concerning the results of the veto of the Emergency Agricultural Act of 1975. 'Members of Congress who represent wheat farmers would respectfully suggest to you, Mr. President, that it is the farmer who is now bearing the cost of your veto, and that their troubles today can only result in economic hardship for the consumers in the not-too-distant future.' Make recommendations for dealing with the situation, such as an adjustment in the loan levels, greater utilization of P.L. 480, and promotion of wheat exports.

2. Paul McCloskey Writes in detail as Ranking Minority Member of the House Select Committee on MIAs: "I would like to respectfully offer my personal recommendation that the United States either vote for the admission of Viet Nam to the United Nations, or, in the alternative, that you communicate directly and immediately with the Vietnamese to the effect that we are prepared to vote for their admission to the United Nations promptly upon their accounting for the several hundred additional Americans whom we now know they can identify as being shot down over North Vietnam during the period from 1965 to 1973." Closes by saying, "Whatever choice you make, you have my continued respect."

3. Charles Bennett Writes as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Seapower and Strategic and Critical Materials concerning H.R. 15081, authorizing the disposal of four items in the stockpile valued at \$756 million. Says he understands the President has approved a revised planning process which should result in significant improvements in the management of the stockpile. Wants official details on this policy so he can answer questions when the House considers H.R. 15081.

*Don't that
up there?*

4. Benjamin Gilman Sends letter of congratulations on the nomination and says he looks forward to working with the President and Senator Dole.
5. William Cohen Sends handwritten note of strong support and offers to campaign on the President's behalf.
6. Albert Quie, Bill Frenzel, Mark Andrews

Send letter concerning the international relations aspects of the Transatlantic Route case and urging that the CAB recommendation be amended to give Northwest Airlines authority to fly the New York-Copenhagen route.

House

7. Charles Rangel Expresses opposition to the CAB recommendations granting trans-atlantic routes to two new carriers.
8. Margaret Heckler Urges relief for the stainless steel flatware industry.
9. Berkley Bedell "In light of the extent of the terrible drought in the Midwest and Plains states, I find it appalling to learn that the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation has arbitrarily cut off new applications for crop insurance for the 1977 crop year as of August 31 in 17 Iowan counties. I am writing to ask your personal assistance in reversing this unfortunate ruling. Its effect would be to place a heavier burden upon USDA disaster programs, which are funded directly from the federal treasury." Writes in detail.
10. Allan Howe Encloses petition and letter from several constituents who are alarmed by the OMB and CSC proposal to set a sliding scale for pay raises slated for Federal employees next month.
11. Stewart McKinney Writes in detail about his plan for the construction of a veterans medical facility in Fairfield County to deal with the differences in age of the populations to be served. Says that although V.A. officials like his plan, it is "not consistent with bureaucratic procedures within the agency." Asks the President's assistance.
12. Bill Goodling Sends letter he received expressing support for the President from a boy scout, Bernd Schaffler.
13. Thomas Rees Endorses the Culver City Health Fair Week beginning September 19.
14. Bill Young Passes along campaign suggestions from Mrs. Mabel Stehn of St. Petersburg.
15. Thad Cochran Endorses Clyde Whitaker for the TVA Board.
16. Sam Steiger Endorses invitation to attend a "Fresh-Air Food Factory" (cattle ranch) tour on September 20, sponsored by cattlemen in northern Arizona, to explain practical problems and opportunities involved in producing food on public lands.

House

17. Committee on Public Works and Transportation

Extends invitation to the unveiling of the portrait of its chairman, Robert E. Jones, on Tuesday, September 21, 6 p.m., Rayburn Building.

18. Bruce Alger Writes about campaign issues and strategy.
former Member

Senate

- 1S Senators Metcalf, Fannin, Hruska, Laxalt, Buckley, McClure, Helms, Garn, Case, Goldwater, Thurmond, Brock, Domenici, Stevens, Bartlett, Bellmon, Johnston, Moss, Cannon and Stone
- Send detailed letter expressing surprise over the concession made by the U.S. delegation in connection with the U.N. Law of the Sea Conference treaty negotiations and by subsequent adverse developments. Say the treaty as it stands now "would have very great difficulty in obtaining the Senate's advice and consent to ratification."
- 2S Charles Mathias Sends detailed letter about the Federal Pay Agents' wage plan submitted to the President on August 25. Believes it is unfair and that there should be a re-evaluation of "the way in which the Bureau of Labor Statistics surveys the private sector." Also recommends that the President "reconsider the August 25 recommendations of your Pay Agents and give careful attention to the alternative recommendations now before you, which you have discretion to adopt."
- 3S Frank Church Urges relief for the sugarbeet growers in Idaho through an increase in tariffs and a lowering of the import quotas for foreign sugar.
- 4S Wendell Ford Requests greetings for Mrs. Dora Reese Beatly on her 100th birthday September 16.
- 5S Herman Talmadge Requests message for the Butler High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC Unit, which has won the National Championship and will be honored on October 1.
- 6S Hugh Scott Sends suggestions regarding the debates.