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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 16, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: PHILIP W. BUCHEN *P.*

SUBJECT: Request for Commutation of the Sentence
of Jack L. Chestnut

On Saturday, November 6, just before you left for Palm Springs, Jack L. Chestnut, former aide of Senator Hubert Humphrey, who had been convicted for receiving an unreported contribution from Associated Milk Producers to Senator Humphrey's 1970 campaign, sent a letter addressed to you asking for commutation of the four months prison term he was sentenced to serve beginning November 10.

Terry O'Donnell called me immediately and said the letter was being referred to me. On Monday, I managed to locate Chestnut's attorney. I advised him that pursuant to existing Federal regulations, an application for Executive Clemency in the form of a pardon or a commutation of sentence is to be filed on a particular form with the Pardon Attorney in the Department of Justice for processing before it goes to the President. The attorney has now followed the correct procedures and the application is pending at the Department of Justice.

I believe there is nothing further to be done here until we receive a report from the Attorney General.