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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 27, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH
FROM: RUSS ROURKE *Rourke*

Jack, Ted advises that the Vice President
is attending Op Sail in New York.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

~~Will~~
R - ~~you~~ has
been
S/m
today



THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: June 24

Time: 100pm

FOR ACTION: Judy Hope
Max Friedersdorf
Ken Lazarus
NSC/S
George Humphreys

cc (for information): Jack Marsh
Jim Cavanaugh
Ed Schmults

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FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date:

June 24

Time:

asap

SUBJECT:

S.J. Res. 201 - Dredging Operations for Operation Sail

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Please return to Judy Johnston, Ground Fl. WW



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If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

James M. Cannon
For the President



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

JUN 24 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Joint Resolution S.J.Res. 201 - Dredging
for Operation Sail
Sponsors - Sen. Javits (R) New York and
Sen. Buckley (C) New York

Last Day for Action

To be effective, action must be as soon as possible.

Purpose

To authorize and direct the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to undertake dredging operations in New York City Harbor for Operation Sail.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Department of the Army	Approval (Informally)
Environmental Protection Agency	Approval (Informally)

Discussion

Operation Sail is a major Bicentennial activity and an international undertaking involving almost every four-masted sailing ship in the world plus many smaller vessels and a display and review of United States and foreign vessels. The Queen of England and you are scheduled to participate in the review at New York City after arrival of the ships on or about July 3, 1976.

Several of the largest ships are to be displayed at piers in waters of inadequate depth to accommodate them. To meet this problem, S.J.Res. 201 would authorize the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to dredge these waters to a depth of eighteen feet. The cost of this dredging is estimated to be about \$100,000 which the resolution authorizes to be expended from funds now available to the Corps of Engineers for operation and maintenance purposes in New York Harbor.

The enrolled resolution does not contain the customary provisions requiring local interests to assume any liability growing out of dredging operations. However, the absence of such provision does not provide an appropriate basis for veto of the resolution, and the Corps of Engineers has indicated its intention to take great care in carrying out the proposed dredging in the vicinity of the piers.

James M. Frey
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

REMARKS AT U.S.S. FORRESTAL BELL-RINGING CEREMONY,
NEW YORK HARBOR, JULY 4th, 1976

It is a great pleasure to join the people of New York, my fellow Americans throughout the Nation, and the citizens of the world in a majestic celebration of America's 200th birthday.

No tribute could be more appropriate to this occasion -- and certainly none could be more spectacular -- than the grand international armada which fills this great harbor today.

The sixteen tall ships and 60 naval vessels anchored here are the proud emissaries of 30 of our sister nations, comprising the greatest gathering of world navies in history.

In all their splendid array, they form an honors escort of special grace and beauty as America enters her third century of independence today.

As we view this dramatic site, we are reminded that America is the noble offspring of many peoples and many lands.

We are reminded, as well, that the sea and her sailing ships have played a crucial role in the life of our country, from its discovery down to the present day.

Sea-voyagers from many nations -- Columbus, Magellan, Drake, Cabot and others -- explored this continent centuries before it was colonized.

The earliest colonists to settle on our shores in search of a new life on a new land had their strength and their hardy spirit tested first on the rugged way across the Atlantic Ocean's bitter flood.

The sea and its ships and sailors have played a leading part in defending the freedom we celebrate today.

That tradition of strength and courage spans two centuries, from the time of John Paul Jones and Stephen Decatur to the Battles of Midway and Leyte Gulf.

The proud symbols of that tradition have passed before us today in all their glory: from the clipper ships which filled their sails



with wind and pride, to this massive carrier which plys the sea with a special dignity all its own.

But most important, the sea has been the passageway for millions and millions of people from all over the world to come to America, to share its bounty and its opportunity, and to enrich our future in return.

In this harbor stands the Statue of Liberty, herself an immigrant from France, lifting her torch to those who come to join us in the American adventure.

As we mark this most important anniversary of that adventure, the Bicentennial year of our independence, we know that we have only begun a new and uncharted voyage toward the future.

What may lie in our course, and where it may finally lead us, we cannot know. But this much we do know: we Americans will approach the future with confidence, with the experience of the past as our steady compass, and with the exploring spirit that gave our Nation life still firmly in command.