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January 6, 1977

MR PRESIDENT"

**Protection of Former Vice Presidents
and other Federal Government
Officials**

The attached memorandum prepared by Jim Lynn has been approved by Jack Marsh and Ed Schmults.

Jim Connor



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 6, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR
FROM: ED SCHMULTS 
SUBJECT: Lynn Memo 1/6/77 re Protection of
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Presidential Appointees -

With one change, I recommend the version at Tab A. It seems to me that as long as we are proposing a bill like this, we should give the President maximum flexibility and so I would change the reference to "any Presidential appointee" in the second line, Section 2(a), to "any other federal government official". Corresponding changes would be made elsewhere in the Act and the letter of transmittal, etc. This change would permit the President to provide protection to a Senator or Representative in an emergency situation.

cc: Jack Marsh
Dan Kearney



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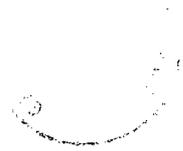
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JAMES T. LYNN

SUBJECT:

Protection of Former Vice Presidents
and other former Federal Government
officials

Attached for your approval is a bill which would authorize the President to direct that Secret Service protection be provided for current and future Vice Presidents, and other Federal officials after they leave office. This protection could be provided to former officials and their families if the President determines their lives are in significant danger as a result of the discharge of their official responsibilities while in office. Transmittal letters to the Speaker and the Vice President are also attached for your signature.

The proposed legislation carries out your decisions. It would allow protection to be provided for Vice President Rockefeller, Secretary Kissinger, and other former Federal officials designated by the President, as well as their families. You indicated that you wanted this legislation to be transmitted promptly so that the Congress will have the opportunity to pass a bill before January 20.

Attachment

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The legislation I am proposing would cover both present and future Vice Presidents and other Federal officials after they leave office. It would authorize the President to direct Secret Service protection for the Vice President and other Federal officials for so long as the President considers that they are in significant danger as a result of the discharge of their responsibilities while in office. Similar

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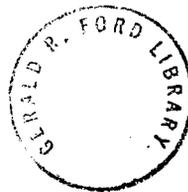
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