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#### WASHINGTON

## October 10, 1974

MEETING WITH DAIRY STATE CONGRESSMEN October 11, 1974 9:45 a.m. (15 minutes) The Oval Office

From: Max L. Friedersdorf M.A.

I. PURPOSE

To discuss problems of dairy state farmers with ten Members of Congress.

## II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

- A. Background:
  - 1. House Members requested the meeting to bring the dairymen's plight to the attention of the President.
  - 2. The Members probably will recommend additional price supports and reduced import quotas.
  - 3. These proposals would be highly inflationary and are opposed by OMB, Agriculture, HEW and State (See Tab A).
- B. <u>Participants</u>: The President, Representatives Bill <u>Steiger</u>, Bill Wampler, Bob Poage, Ed Jones, John Anderson, Bob McEwen, Dave Obey, Al Quie, Vern Thomson and Bizz Johnso Staff: Max Friedersdorf, Frank Zarb and Norm Ross.
- C. Press Plan: Announce to press only White House photos

## III. TALKING POINTS

Recommend the President sympathetically receive their recommendations without indicating any commitment, while stressing the importance of the recent economic message to improve the over-all economy. Frank Zarb and Norm Ross can handle substantive questions.

# PRICE SUPPORTS

Although farm prices for milk have held steady during the summer months, after showing sharp seasonal declines earlier in the year, the reduced feed grain and soybean supplies likely will mean higher feed prices for dairy farmers in the coming months.

Efforts are underway by dairymen and their congressional representatives to obtain an increase in minimum fluid milk prices and in Federal support prices for dairy products.

However, increasing Federal support prices for dairy products does not appear to be the answer.

- -- Higher prices are not needed to encourage increased supplies of fluid milk. There is already too much milk at prices which dairymen find unsatisfactory.
- -- Fluid milk consumption has dropped 4 to 5 percent as a result of high fluid milk prices, and would decline further if prices were increased.
- -- Excess supplies of fluid milk are being diverted into manufactured products, putting downward pressure on prices of those items. Higher support prices would result in greater government purchases of dairy products. We are already buying dry milk.
- -- Government outlays would increase at the same time that these expenditures were causing food prices to rise. The inflationary impact is obvious.

The market will guide producers to make the needed production adjustment.

Government has acted to ease the pain of adjustment by:

-- Placing a lid on excessive exports of grain which would drive up prices for dairy feed.

-- Promoting sales of beef.

Difficulties of dairymen are a part of the larger problem - inflation. The steps outlined in my message Tuesday will clearly make a major contribution toward solving dairymen's difficulties.

## DAIRY IMPORT QUOTAS

A while back when dairy product prices were very high, the Federal Government temporarily increased import quotas for dairy products. All of these temporary increases have expired. There should be no increase as long as the dairy industry is in the kind of cost-price squeeze they are facing today.

Dear Ed:

Enclosed are a few pictures from the meeting you attended with the President last Thursday on the dairy problem.

I am pleased we were able to armange this meeting.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf Deputy Assistant to the President

Honorable Ed Jones House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

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Dear Bizz:

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Enclosed are a few pictures from the meeting the President held last Thursday on dairy problems.

With kindest regards.

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Sincerely,

Max L. Priedersdorf Deputy Assistant to the President

Honorable Harold T. "Bizz" Johnson House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

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Dear AL:

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Sorry to say, the photographer only caught you from the back.

With kindest regards.

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Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf Deputy Assistant to the President

Honorable Albert H. Quie House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

MLF:nk

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Dear Bill:

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Enclosed are some pictures from your meeting last Thursday with the President on the dairy problems.

Sorry to say, the photographer caught you from both ends, and not in the middle!

With kindest regards.

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Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf Deputy Assistant to the President

Nonorable William A. Steiger House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20315

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Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf Deputy Assistant to the President

Honorable David E. Obey Rouse of Representatives Mashington, D. C. 20515

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Max L. Friedersdorf Deputy Assistant to the President

Honorable William C. Wampler House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

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Please invite those on attached sheets to Roudebush's swearing in ceremony tomorrow, Saturday (Oct 12) at 10:30. Come to NW Gate, West Lobby (Will be Cabinet Room or Rose Garden depending on weather). Advise accepts/ regrets.

Toni

POUDEBUSH swearing in

MEMORANDUM FOR:

TERRY O'DONNELL

FROM:

POWELL A. MOORE

SUBJECT:

Swearing In Coremony for Richard Roudebush, Administrator of Veterans Affairs

The Office of Legislative Affairs approves the attached list with the following additions:

Frank Brissi, Staff Director, Senate Veterans Affairs Committee

Attachment

ee:

Jim Cavanaugh w/copy attachment

## RICHARD L. ROUDEBUSH

## ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

#### SWEARING-IN-CEREMONY GUEST LIST

## WHITE HOUSE

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Congressman Donald D. Clancy of Ohio - Port

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Family

Karen S. Roudebush

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Leon Sanchez, National Executive Director, AMVETS

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John J. Keller, National Service Director, Disabled American Veterans

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Assistant Secretary of the Interior John Kyl Mrs. John Kyl

# Dear Bill:

Here are the pictures that were taken at the time you and Rep. John Ericaborn were visiting with the President concerning the question of Executive Frivilege.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely years,

Vernen C. Leen Special Assistant to the President

Honorable William S. Meerhood House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

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Versen C. Loon Special Assistant to the President

House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

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#### WASHINGTON

## October 11, 1974

# MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT'S FILE

FROM:

VERN LOEN //L

SUBJECT:

Meeting with Reps. William S. Moorhead (D-Pa.) and John Erlenborn (R-III.) Thursday, October 10, 1974, at 12:00 Noon in The Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS:

The President Rep. Moorhead Rep. Erlenborn Counsel Philip Buchen Vern Loen (Staff)

Rep. John Erlenborn made the main presentation concerning the history of the Executive Privilege question and the legislative vehicle which he and Rep. Moorhead are sponsoring. Presidential Counsel Philip Buchen participated in the general discussion of the precedents and the legislative situation.

The President said he and his counsel would review the matter during the Congressional recess expected to begin next week.

Photographs were taken.

## WASHINGTON

## October 9, 1974

MEETING WITH REPS. WILLIAM S. MOORHEAD (D-PA.) <u>AND JOHN ERLENBORN (R-ILL.)</u> October 10, 1974 12:00 Noon (15 Minutes)

The Oval Office

Via: William E. Timmons Max L. Friedersdorf M. .

From:

Vern Loen VL

I. PURPOSE

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To discuss the President's policy in regard to the use of Executive Privilege.

## II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

- A. Background:
- Rep. Moorhead is Chairman of the House Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee of the House Committee on Government Operations. Rep. Erlenborn is ranking minority member.
- 2. By letter dated August 13, 1974, they jointly requested a meeting with the President before he makes any decision with respect to an exchange of correspondence on this question (see Tab A).
- 3. The Senate already has passed a bill on this subject and H.R. 12462, co-sponsored by Reps. Moorhead, Erlenborn and others, is pending before the House. This measure has been under study by Counsel Philip Buchen.

- B. <u>Participants</u>: The President Rep. Moorhead Rep. Erlenborn Counsel Philip Buchen Vern Loen (Staff)
- C. Press Plan: Announce meeting: White House photo only.

# III. TALKING POINTS

- 1. I know you gentlemen have given a great deal of consideration to the Executive Privilege question during the past two Congresses.
- 2. Both of you know that I want my Administration to be as open and as cooperative with the Congress as possible, as demonstrated by my own intention to appear before the House Judiciary Committee next week.
- 3. My counsel, Philip Buchen, and I would be most interested in having your views and recommendations.



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Congress of the United States House of Representatives foreign operations and government information subcommittee of the COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM B-371-B WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

August 13, 1974

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed are copies of correspondence between the former chairman of this subcommittee and each of the three previous Presidents, relating to their Administration's policies to limit the use of so-called "Executive Privilege" only upon personal invocation by the President himself.

As you know, this subcommittee has conducted both investigative and legislative hearings on this subject during the past two Congresses and on March 14, 1974, favorably reported H. R. 12462, a bipartisan bill sponsored by Representative Erlenborn, myself, and other Members of both parties. A similar bill was passed by the Senate last December. A copy of our hearings and report on this measure is also enclosed.

In view of the then pending litigation over the tapes involving President Nixon and the Special Prosecutor, in which this issue was indirectly involved, we decided not to press for a rule on H. R. 12462 until after the Supreme Court had ruled in that case. Our staff analysis of the July 24, 1974, decision of the Court indicates that the ground rules for the use of "Executive Privilege" established in H. R. 12462 are not inconsistent with that decision since it did not deal directly with Congress' right to information from the Executive. We have since requested a rule on the measure and are awaiting the scheduling of a hearing by the Rules Committee. The Honorable Gerald R. Ford Page Two August 13, 1974

As you were a long-time Member of the House, it is not necessary to spell out to you details about the steady erosion in the flow of information from the Executive to the Congress which has taken place over the past generation. You are well aware of such problems and of the disastrous effect which the wholesale withholding of information from the Congress under "Executive Privilege" has had on the credibility of our government and its leaders. Last Friday's New York Times quoted remarks you made on this subject more than a decade ago: "Congress cannot help but conclude that executive privilege is most often used in opposition to the public interest."

Before you make any decision with respect to an exchange of correspondence on the use of "Executive Privilege" in your Administration, we would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this issue and your position on H. R. 12462.

Sincerely,

With best wishes and highest regards,

William S. Moorhead Chairman

Enclosures

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John N. Erlenborn Ranking Minority Member



# Dear John:

Here is the picture that was taken during your recent visit with the President on the economic problems of the timber and housing industry of the Northwest. Your recommondations are being given full study in all levels of government and I hope they, tegether with the President's recent economic recommondations, will produce an upturn very seen.

With kind personal regards, I am

Slacerely years,

Versen C. Leen Special Assistant to the President

Honorable John Dollenback Honor of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

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WASHINGTON

## October 10, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT'S FILE

VERN LOEN VZ

SUBJECT:

FROM:

Meeting with Rep. John Dellenback (R-Oregon) Thursday, October 10, 1974, at 11:05 a.m. in The Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS:

The President Rep. Dellenback William Seidman (Economic Advisor) Vern Loen (Staff)

Rep. Dellenback stressed the high unemployment situation in the timber industry and presented the President with supporting documents. He indicated that some of the President's recommendations in his Economic Message to the Congress would prove helpful in stimulating the housing building industry and, in turn, the timber industry.

Mr. Seidman took notes on the conversation for appropriate follow-up.

Photographs were taken.

#### WASHINGTON

## October 9, 1974

MEETING WITH REP. JOHN DELLENBACK (R-OREGON)

October 10, 1974 11:00 A.M. (10 Minutes) The Oval Office

Via:

William E. Timmons Max L. Friedersdorf M.

From:

Vern Loen VL

I. <u>PURPOSE</u>

To discuss the extremely critical situation confronting the timber mills and housing industries in the Northwest and elsewhere.

# II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

A. <u>Background</u>: 1. Lumber mills are being closed down because of the economic situation.

> 2. Rep. Dellenback already has discussed the situation with Counsellor Rush, Secretary Simon and Secretary Lynn. He has made repeated urgent requests for a meeting with the President.

B. <u>Participants</u>: The President Rep. Dellenback William Seidman (Economic Advisor) Vern Loen (Staff)

C. Press Plan: White House photo only.

# III. TALKING POINTS

- 1. John, I am glad to have your firsthand report on the critical situation facing the timber industry in your part of the country.
- 2. I hope that some of the recommendations I made in my Economic Address to the Congress this week will be helpful.
- 3. I am asking Bill Seidman to follow-up on your recommendations.

Dear Al:

Here is the picture that was taken during your visit with the President concerning the Elk Hills Naval Petroleum Reserve.

With kind personal regards, 1 am

Sincerely yours,

Vernen C. Leen Special Assistant to the President

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With kind personal regards, I am

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Versen C. Leen Special Assistant to the President

Honorable William M. Ketcham House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

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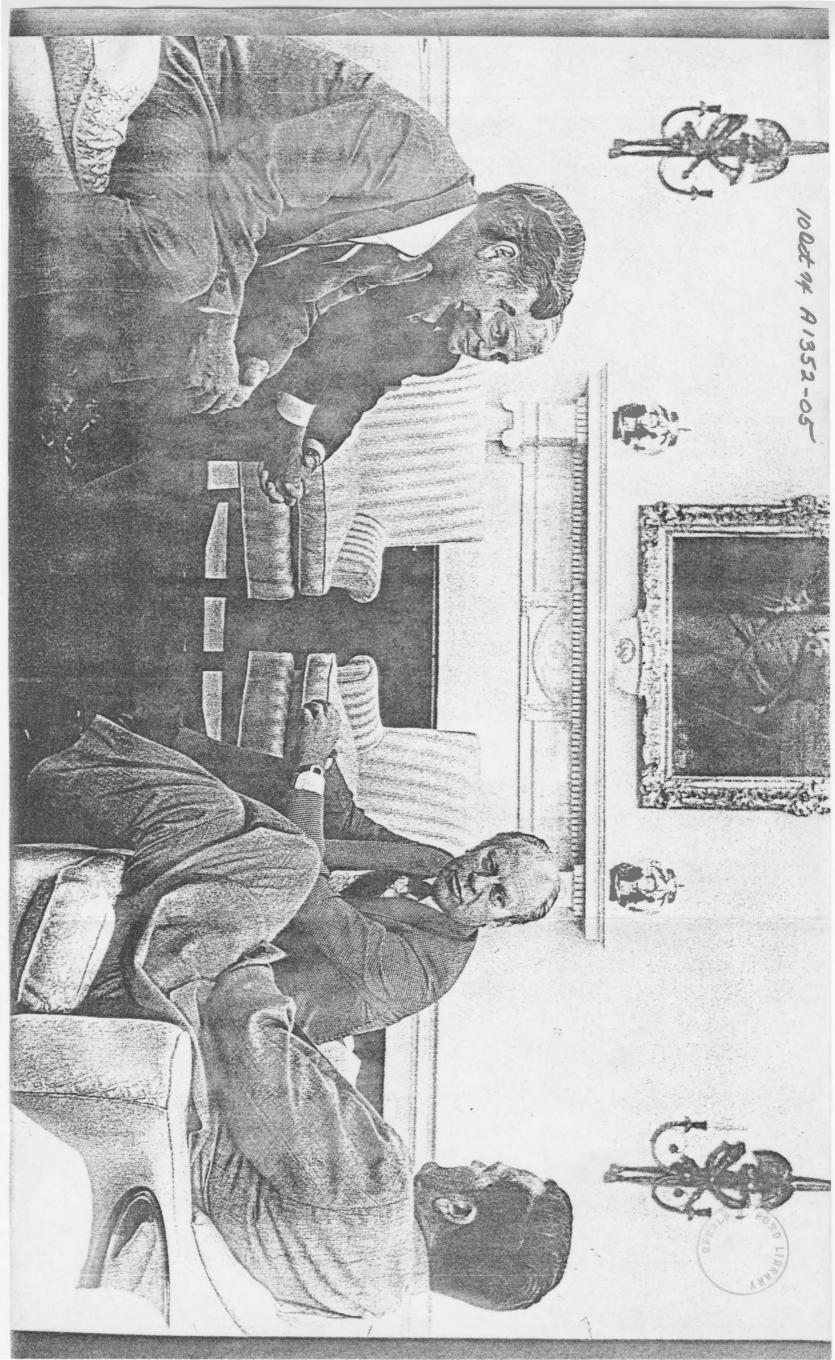


FROM THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON, D.C.

> Honorable John Melcher House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

Mailed w/out letter 10/31/74





WASHINGTON

## October 10, 1974

# MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT'S FILE

FROM:

VERN LOEN VL

SUBJECT:

Meeting with Reps. Melcher, Bell and Ketchum Thursday, October 10, 1974, at 11:20 a.m. in The Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS:

The President Rep. John Melcher (D-Mont.) Rep. Al Bell (R-Calif.) Rep. William Ketchum (R-Calif.) Vern Loen (Staff)

Chairman Melcher of the House Interior Subcommittee on Public Lands and Reps. Bell and Ketchum expressed support for the President's request to authorize the production of oil from the Elk Hills, California, Naval Petroleum Reserve as well as the Alaskan Naval Petroleum Reserve. A bill now being markedup in the House Interior Committee faces some problems because of a jurisdictional dispute with the Armed Services Committee and some reluctance to act on the part of Interior Chairman, James Haley, D-Fla. The Elk Hills Reserve could add 300,000 barrels of oil a day to domestic production. A study of the Alaskan Reserve is included in the same bill, H.R. 16800, the BLM Organic Act.

The President thanked them for their views and their willingness to assist. A map of the Elk Hills facility was left with him.

Photographs were taken.

WASHINGTON

## October 9, 1974

MEETING WITH REPS. MELCHER, BELL AND KETCHUM October 10, 1974 11:20 A.M. (5 Minutes) The Oval Office

Via:

William E. Timmons Max L. Friedersdorf M.

From:

Vern Loen

I. PURPOSE

To discuss the possibility of using Interior Committee bill (rather than Armed Services) to authorize production of oil from Elk Hills Naval Petroleum Reserve.

# II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

- A. Background:
- 1. The Elk Hills facility is located in Rep. Ketchum's district. Reps. Bell and Melcher have been leading the effort to unlock this resource which they claim eventually will produce 300,000 barrels of oil a day.
- 2. Chairman Hebert of the Armed Services Committee has opposed opening this Naval facility and has refused to consider legislation in his Committee.
- 3. The President's recommendation in his Economic Message to open Elk Hills was warmly applauded by California members in particular.

- B. <u>Participants</u>: The President Rep. John Melcher (D-Mont.), Chairman of House Interior Subcommittee on Public Lands Rep. Al Bell (R-Calif.) Rep. William Ketchum (R-Calif.) Vern Loen (Staff)
- C. Press Plan: White House photo only.

## III. TALKING POINTS

- 1. I understand that the Elk Hills authorization already is included in the National Resource Lands Management Act (H.R. 16800) now in markup before the full Interior Committee. (Also known as the BLM Organic Act).
- 2. What would be the possibilities of including the Alaskan Naval Petroleum Reserve in the same bill?
- 3. I appreciate the leading role each of you has played in urging the release of these reserves during our present emergency. I hope you will give top priority to the passage of this authorizing legislation right after the recess.



## WASHINGTON October 9, 1974

MEETING WITH REP. BOB PRICE & MR. ZACH FISHER

2:45 - 2:50 p.m. (5 minutes) Thursday, October 10, 1974 The Oval Office

From: William E. Timmons ////

I. PURPOSE

To discuss Texas agricultural problems.

## II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

# A. Background:

Rep. Bob Price wants to bring the Republican candidate for Texas Commissioner of Agriculture to greet the President and very briefly discuss farm problems, especially the cattlemen's situation.

## B. Participants:

The President, Rep. Price, Mr. Zach Fisher, Mrs. Anne Armstrong and Max Friedersdorf.

# C. Press Plan:

The Press Office to announce meeting as a courtesy call (do not mention cattlemen). White House photographer only.

## III. TALKING POINTS

The President should listen sympathetically and instruct Max Friedersdorf to follow-up on necessary items. Anne Armstrong can handle sustance of cattlemen's problems.

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL Date: October 8, 1974 Frem: William E. Timmens Via: Warren Rustand

EVENT: Mosting with Rop. Bob Price (R-Tex) and Mr. Zach Fisher.

To discuss Texas cattle problems.

DATE:

Anytime this week.

FORMAT:

PURPOSE:

- 5 minutes - The Oval Office

PRESS PLAN:

BACKGROUND

Meeting to be announced by Press Office. White House photographer only.

1. Price called to request this short meeting.

- 2. Fisher is Republican candidate for Texas Agriculture Commissioner.
- 3. Texas cattlemen have requested to meet with President, but it is not expected this meeting will take place.

4. Fisher's opponent says he can't get in to see the President.

# ec: Mrs. Anne Armstrong



Deer Ed:

Here is the picture that was taken during your recent visit with the President concerning the 200-mile ocean fishing limit.

With hind personal regards, I am

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Versen C. Leen Special Assistant to the President

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Honorable Edwin B. Forsythe House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

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Dear Jim:

Here is the picture that was taken during your recent visit with the President concerning the 200-mile ocean fishing limit.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Versen C. Leen Special Assistant to the President

Honoyable Jamos R. Guover, Jr. House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

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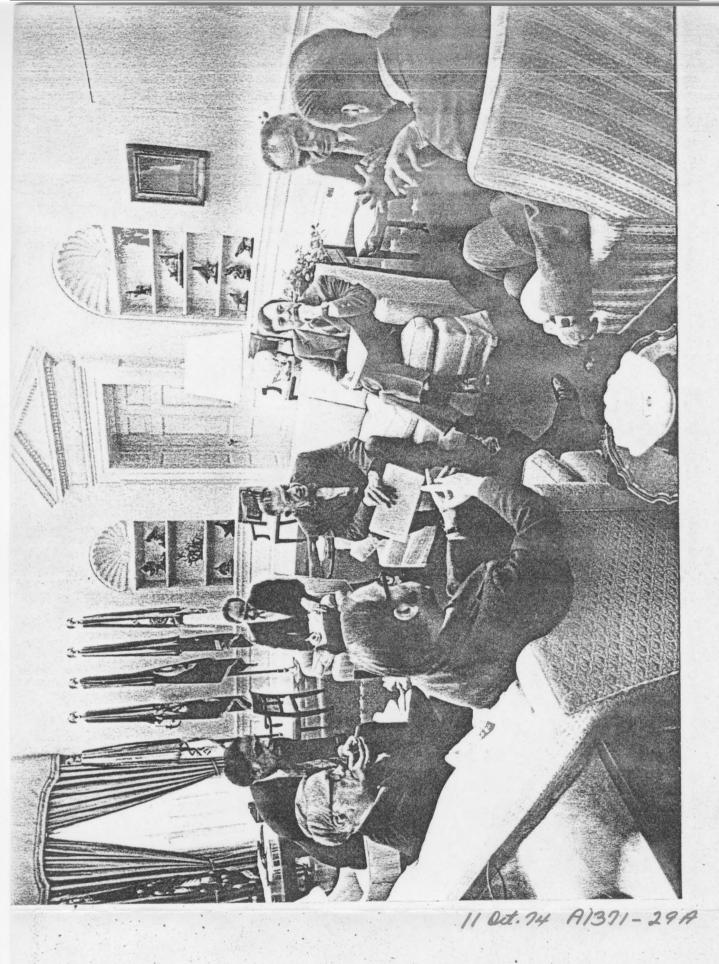
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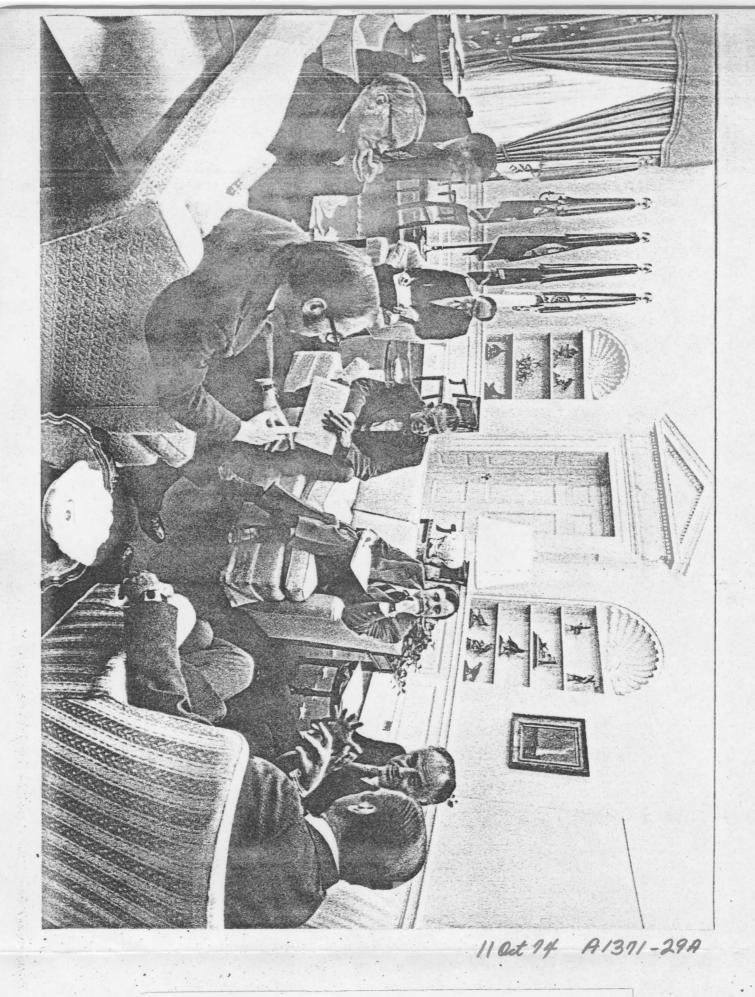
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FROM THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON, D.C.

> Honorable David N. Henderson House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

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FROM THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON, D.C.

> Honorable Gerry E. Studds House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

Mailed w/out letter 10/31/74

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

#### WASHINGTON

### October 11, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT'S FILE

FROM:

VERN LOEN VL

The President

SUBJECT:

200-Mile Ocean Fishing Limit Friday, October 11, 1974, at 9:45 a.m. in The Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS:

Rep. Don Clausen (R-Calif.) pbt ent 10/18 Rep. James Grover (R-N.Y.) Rep. David Henderson (D-N.C.) - will pet. - (~ ~ Hold - Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.) - Held plat -V Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska) Mit and 10/18 General Brent Scowcroft (NSC) Vern Loen (Staff)

Each of the Congressmen, who represent coastal districts, expressed concern about the present lack of agreement on fisheries jurisdiction. research and conservation measures in the wake of the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference at Caracas, Venezuela. They were particularly concerned about Soviet fishing operations off the East Coast and Japanese operations off the West Coast.

They stressed that action is needed to assure that this vital food resource is preserved for future generations.

The President informed them of his intention to take up this question with Japanese leaders during his visit to Japan later this year. General Scowcroft also indicated that steps to bring about an interim agreement with the Soviet Union will be undertaken at the President's direction.

Legislation to establish a 200-mile fishing regulation zone off the United States coasts now is pending before the Congress.

Photographs were taken.

### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

### October 10, 1974

# MEETING WITH SIX MEMBERS OF CONGRESS RE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE October 11, 1974 9:25 A.M. (10 Minutes) The Oval Office

Via: William E. Timmons Max L. Friedersdorf

From: Vern Loen

I. PURPOSE

To discuss the pros and cons of 200-mile ocean fishing limit favored by these Congressmen.

### II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

- By letter dated August 21, 1974, these Members asked for a meeting with the President to discuss the stalemated United Nations Law of the Sea Conference recently concluded in Caracas, Venezuela. There was little agreement on fisheries jurisdiction and conservation measures.
- 2. These Members all represent coastal districts with important fishing industries. The concept of a 200-mile ocean fishing limit is very popular with them and their constituents.
- 3. Senator Warren Magnuson recently succeeded in heading off legislation to establish the 200-mile limit for the United States. Such a step has also been taken unilaterally by a number of nations to control flagrant fishing abuses by foreigners.

### B. Participants:

The President

Rep. Don Clausen (R-Calif.)

Rep. James Grover (R-N.Y.)

Rep. David Henderson (D-N.C.)

Rep. Ed Forsythe (R-N.J.)

Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.)

Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska)

General Brent Scowcroft (NSC)

Vern Loen (Staff)

C. Press Plan:

White House photo only (at their request).

### III. TALKING POINTS

- 1. Gentlemen, I am sorry it has taken so long to set up this meeting because I know the abuse of fishing right off our coasts is of vital concern to each of you.
- 2. General Scowcroft and I are certainly sympathetic toward your concerns; however, we also are most cognizant of the international implications of a 200-mile limit.
- 3. I shall be discussing this subject with the Japanese leaders during my forthcoming visit. You may be sure that your views will be kept in mind as our policy is formulated.

FRIDAY - Oct. 1

9:25 a.m. - 9:35

### TO ATTEND:

MCs

Don Clausen (R. Calif.) James Grover (R. N. 4.) David Henderson (D-N.C) Ed Forsythe (R- N. J. Gerry Studds (D-Mass)

Don Young (Alaska)



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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

#### WASHINGTON

September 27, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THRU:

FROM:

WILLIAM E. TIMMONS MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF m. 7. VERN LOEN V/L

SUBJECT:

200-Mile Ocean Fishing Limit

I recently submitted to you with a memo a letter from Rep. Don Clausen, R-Calif., and other coastal M.C.'s requesting a 10-minute, non-publicized conference with the President on the stalemated Law of the Seas Conference.

Clausen says there are flagrant violations right off his northern California coast with trawlers in tandem using illegal nets.

His opponent is blasting him for inaction. If he doesn't get in to see the President soon, he will have egg all over his face. Same for Jim Grover, R-N.Y., and several other good guys.

Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, also would like to be included in this bipartisan group. He is affected more than anyone.

Senator Magnuson is threatening to legislate the 200-mile limit. Rep. Leonor Sullivan is sympathetic.

Attachment



# THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

August 23, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THRU:

MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF

WILLIAM E. TIMMONS

FROM:

SUBJECT:

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Attached Letter Re Law of the Seas Conference

Rep. Don Clausen handed this to me yesterday with the request that it be brought to the President's personal attention.

You will note that it expresses his concern as well as that of Jim Grover, Dave Henderson, Ed Forsythe and Gerry Studds and they feel that little progress is being made toward our solving the problem of overfishing by foreign fleets near our coasts.

They would like a 10 minute, non-publicized visit with the President on this question soon after Congress reconvenes.

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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PAUL F. MCCARTHY 1

Dear Mr. President:

As you know, the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference will conclude its session in Caracas, Venezuela at the end of this month. Reports which have reached us indicate that very little progress has thus far been made towards reaching agreement on a draft treaty at this Conference.

As House sponsors of legislation to extend United States fisheries jurisdiction to halt the overfishing by foreign fleets, we are particularly concerned by the failure of the Conference to make any meaningful progress towards agreement on fisheries jurisdiction and conservation measures. We share your concern over the international straits, territorial seas, and freedom of navigation questions, and we believe we have a formulation for legislation to stop this overfishing without adversely affecting United States interests in these other vital questions. While the delegates to the Conference continue to talk, the foreign fleets are decimating the fish populations near our coasts -and similar conditions exist in other fisheries around the world.

Because of the many serious ramifications of the impending loss of fish as a source of food, we respectfully request an opportunity to meet with you briefly for a quiet, unpublicized discussion of this emergency situation. If your schedule permits, we believe the most appropriate time for a meeting would be as soon as possible after the end of the Congressional recess.

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Sincerely,

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