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November 19, 1974

Phillip E. Areeda, Esq. Counsel to the President The White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Areeda:

This is in response to your inquiry of November 7, 1974, concerning persons who already hold or whom you intend to appoint to public positions of trust and confidence.

After checking with our various task forces, I can report that the persons listed directly below are not the subject of any investigation conducted by the Watergate Special Prosecution Force.

Henry A. Byroade Stuart Nash Scott John G. Hurd Admiral Horacio Rivero Robert Strausz-Hupe William R. Kintner Robert McClintock Ellsworth Bunker Paul Rex Beach Francis L. Dale William C. Turner Gerald F. Tape William S. Mailliard John Reese Stevenson Harold B. Malmgren Stanley Resor

Robert C. Hill
Leonard K. Firestone
Philip K. Crowe
John Sherman Cooper
James F. Campbell
Kenneth Rush
Shirley Temple Black
Philip V. Sanchez
Daniel P. Moynihan
John D. J. Moore
Kenneth B. Keating
John A. Volpe
James D. Hodgson
Robert G. Newmann
Armistead Selden

Several of the persons listed in your November 7 letter to us are the subject of inquiry in connection



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with our large contributor/ambassador investigation. They are:

Shelby C. Davis
Lloyd I. Miller
Henry E. Catto, Jr.
Kingdon Gould, Jr.
John P. Humes
John V. Krehbiel
Sumner Gerard
Anthony D. Marshall

This Office has not uncovered evidence that would support the filing of criminal charges against these individuals, and we hope it is understood by all concerned that the existence of an investigation cannot fairly support an inference of wrongdoing on the part of anyone.

HENRY S. RUTH, JR. Special Prosecutor



Mr. Greeda

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

November 22, 1974

Dear Mr. Ruth:

Attached is a list of individuals who hold or are being considered for appointment to public positions of trust and confidence. In appraising their suitability for office, it would be helpful to have the benefit of any adverse knowledge held by the Watergate Special Prosecution Force. We would, therefore, be grateful for such information and advice as you think it appropriate to provide.

Out of an excess of caution, let me say that making this inquiry does not imply that any adverse material is known or expected.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Phillip E. Areeda Counsel to the President

The Honorable Henry S. Ruth, Jr. Special Prosecutor Watergate Special Prosecution Force Department of Justice 1425 K Street, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20005

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OK 12/4 WHITE, BARBARA M.



November 21, 1974

For: Jerry Jones

Your draft letter withdrawing Stan Anderson's name as Ambassador to Costa Rica is OK.

Anderson is not completely blameless, but there is nothing serious enough to preclude the suggested expressions of regard and willingness to proceed.

Phil Areeda



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 14, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL AREEDA

FROM:

JERRY (ON

When Stan Anderson withdrew as a nominee for Ambassador to Costa Rica, part of the arrangement was that President Ford would send a letter to Chairman Fulbright stating his high regard for Anderson. This letter (at Tab A) has now been prepared, and I am sending it to you for your review and sign-off before forwarding it on. For your information, attached at Tab B is the Jaworski letter to Fulbright which was originally sent when Anderson's nomination was submitted to the Senate.

Let me know your views so I can take the appropriate action.

Thank you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Mr. Stanton D. Anderson has requested me to withdraw his nomination as Ambassador to Costa Rica, and I shall certainly honor his wish. In doing so, however, I want you to know that I have the highest regard for Mr. Anderson, and but for those personal considerations which necessitated his request, I would have fully supported his nomination.

Sincerely,

The Honorable J. William Fulbright Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations United States Senate Washington, D.C.

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May 31, 1974

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Honorable J.W. Fulbright Chairman Committee on Foreign Relations United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In response to your letter of May 28, 1974, Mr. Stanton Anderson has been questioned quite fully by this Office in connection with our investigation into possible violations of Federal law arising out of the obtaining of political contributions from persons seeking ambassadorial appointments. Allegations concerning Mr. Anderson's possible role with respect to the "responsiveness" program also have been investigated by this Office, assisted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Based on the evidence now known to us there is no basis for the bringing of any criminal charges against Mr. Anderson.

Sincerely,

LEON JAWORSKI Special Prosecutor

Mr. areeda

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

November 22, 1974

Dear Mr. Ruth:

Attached is a list of individuals who hold or are being considered for appointment to public positions of trust and confidence. In appraising their suitability for office, it would be helpful to have the benefit of any adverse knowledge held by the Watergate Special Prosecution Force. We would, therefore, be grateful for such information and advice as you think it appropriate to provide.

Out of an excess of caution, let me say that making this inquiry does not imply that any adverse material is known or expected.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Phillip E. Areeda Counsel to the President

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OKI24 BEDELL, CATHERINE M.
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OKING VAUGHN, ODELL W.

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OKING FRANKLIN, BARBARA

OKING KUSHNER, LAWRENCE

OKING NEWMAN, CONSTANCE E.

OKING ANTHONY, ROBERT A.

OKING COLDWELL, PHILIP E.

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OKIP4 BYERS, WHEATON B.

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OKIP4 STRATTON, WILLIAM R.

BALZANO, MICHAEL

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OKIP4 CRAW, NICHOLAS

OKIP4 LYNCH, MARJORIE



November 22, 1974

Phillip E. Areeda, Esq. Counsel to the President The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Areeda:

This is in response to your inquiry of November 18, 1974, concerning Dr. Dixie Lee Ray.

After checking with our various task forces, I can report that Dr. Ray is not the subject of any investigation conducted by the Watergate Special Prosecution Force.

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HENRY S. RUTH, JR. Special Prosecutor



November 25, 1974

Phillip E. Areeda, Esq. Counsel to the President The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Areeda:

This is in response to your inquiry of November 14, 1974, concerning individuals who already hold or whom you intend to appoint to public positions of trust and confidence.

After checking with our various task forces, I can report that the following persons are not the subject of any investigation conducted by the Watergate Special Prosecution Force.

William B. Jones William W. Nicholson John R. Nesbitt Gwen A. Anderson Cecilia D. Bellinger Beverly A. Cole Thomas J. English Jennifer A. Fitzgerald Ronald R. Geisler Ray M. Hare, Jr. Clarence L. Henley Wilbur H. Jenkins Thomas Mills Jones Robert L. Manning William F. Matthews Ann M. Morgan John E. Nidecker Arnold C. Noel

Nelson C. Pierce, Jr. John J. Ratchford James R. Rogers Reta M. Shay John C. Vickerman Marjorie F. Wicklein Nellie L. Yates Ray M. Zook J. Robinson West Robert W. Kellum Earl M. Kulp Donald S. Lowitz Edward A. McCabe Gerald D. Morgan Donald Murdoch Robert Orben John E. Robson William J. Webb

HENRY S. RUTH, JR. Special Prosecutor

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November 25. 1974

Phillip E. Areeda, Esq. Counsel to the President The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Areeda:

This is in response to your inquiry of November 18, 1974, concerning individuals who already hold or whom you intend to appoint to public positions of trust and confidence.

After checking with the various task forces, I can report that the following persons are not the subject of any investigation conducted by the Watergate Special Prosecution Force.

John E. Corbally, Jr.
Tomas A. Arciniega
Arthur Hummel
Carmen J. Blondin
Harold Z. Hansen
Gerald L. Parsky
Alfred J. Eggers, Jr.
Frank A. Ursomarso
James M. Crowe

HENRY S. RUTH, JR. Special Prosecutor



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THE WHITE HOUSE

November 25, 1974

Dear Mr. Ruth:

Mr. Peter Rousell and Mr. Terence A. Todmant either hold or are being considered for appointment to public positions of trust and confidence. In appraising their suitability for office, it would be helpful to have the benefit of any adverse knowledge held by the Watergate Special Prosecution Force. We would, therefore, be grateful for such information and advice as you think it appropriate to provide.

Out of an excess of caution, let me say that making this inquiry does not imply that any adverse material is known or expected.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Phillip E. Areeda Counsel to the President

The Honorable Henry S. Ruth, Jr. Special Prosecutor Watergate Special Prosecution Force Department of Justice 1425 K Street, N. W. Washington, D.C. 20005



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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

November 26, 1974

Dear Mr. Ruth:

Attached is a list of individuals who hold or are being considered for appointment to public positions of trust and confidence. In appraising their suitability for office, it would be helpful to have the benefit of any adverse knowledge held by the Watergate Special Prosecution Force. We would, therefore, be grateful for such information and advice as you think it appropriate to provide.

Out of an excess of caution, let me say that making this inquiry does not imply that any adverse material is known or expected.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Phillip E. Areeda Counsel to the President

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OK 12/5 WILEY T. BUCHANAN

ARTHUR W. HUMMEL

OK 1245 MARK EVANS

OK 125 EUGENE V. MC AULIFFE

OK 12/5 HOLSEY G. HANDYSIDE

OKI245 MICHAEL A. SAMUELS

OK 12/5 WILLIAM G. BOWDLER

OKIZS WELLS STABLER

OKI2/5 HARRY W. SHLAUDEMAN

OK 12/5 THOMAS J. SCOTES

OKIZIS ELLSWORTH A. VAN GRAAFEILAND

OK 1/29 JAMES M. FITZGERALD

OK 12/5 JAMES P. CHURCHILL

OK 12/5 HENRY BRAMWELL

OK 12/5 JOHN ELFVIN

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OK 12/5 EDWARD B. MC DONOUGH

OK 12/5 BENJAMIN F. BUTLER

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November 29, 1974

Phillip E. Areeda, Esq. Counsel to the President The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Areeda:

This is in response to your inquiry of November 26, 1974, concerning James M. Fitzgerald.

After checking with our various task forces, I can report that James M. Fitzgerald is not the subject of any investigation conducted by the Watergate Special Prosecution Force.

HENRY S. RUTH, JR. Special Prosecutor

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

November 29, 1974

Dear Mr. Ruth: or 12/4/14

Mr. Edward M. Leigh either holds or is being considered for an appointment to a public position of trust and confidence. In appraising his suitability for office, it would be helpful to have the benefit of any adverse knowledge held by the Watergate Special Prosecution Force. We would, therefore, be grateful for such information and advice as you think it appropriate to provide.

Out of an excess of caution, let me say that making this inquiry does not imply that any adverse material is known or expected.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Phillip Areeda

Counsel to the President

Honorable Henry S. Ruth, Jr. Special Prosecutor Watergate Special Prosecution Force Department of Justice 1425 K Street, Northwest Washington, D. C. 20005



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OK 12/10 ANNE FOGELGREN
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OK 12/10 JAMES E. CONNOR
OK 12/10 RUSSELL ARTHUR ROURKE
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OK12/10 CARL H. PFOR ZHEIMER
OK12/10 EDDIE GLENN SMITH, JR.
OK12/10 DURWARD BELMONT VARNER

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OKIZIO WILLIAM LEE KNECHT

OKIZIO WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.

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OKIZIO OMER W. FRANKLIN, JR.

OK 12/10 REVIUS O. ORTIQUE, JR.

OKIZIO MELVIN ABBOTT CONANT

OR 12/10 JOSEPH COORS

OK 12/10 JAMES MACDONALD DAY

OK12 10 VIRGINIA FOOTE DUNCAN

ok 12/10 LUCIUS PERRY GREGG, JR.

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OK 12/10 RICHARD T. KENNEDY

OK 12/10 VICTOR GILINSKY

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OK 12/10 JOSEPH LAITIN

OK 12 10 MARTIN DIAMOND

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December 4, 1974

Phillip E. Areeda, Esq. Counsel to the President The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Areeda:

This is in response to your inquiry of November 29, 1974, concerning Mr. Edward M. Leigh who already holds or whom you intend to appoint to a public position of trust and confidence.

After checking with our various task forces, I can report that Mr. Leigh is not the subject of any investigation conducted by the Watergate Special Prosecution Force.

HENRY S. RUTH, JR. Special Prosecutor

December 4, 1974

Phillip E. Areeda, Esq. Counsel to the President The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Areeda:

This is in response to your inquiry of November 22, 1974, concerning individuals who already hold or whom you intend to appoint to public positions of trust and confidence.

After checking with the various task forces, I can report that the persons on the attached list are not the subject of any investigation conducted by the Watergate Special Prosecution Force.

C. Langhorme Washburn and Wheaton B. Byers have been interviewed in connection with our campaign contributions investigations, but no charges against them are anticipated, nor do we have information that would adversely affect their appointment to positions of trust and confidence.

HENRY S. RUTH, JR. Special Prosecutor

Attachment



· Upton, R. Miller Adair, E. Ross - Ginn, Rosemary - Porter, J. Roger - Hess, Stephen - Harley, William - Marcus, Aaron -Porteus, D. Hebben - Carpenter, Stanley S. Abshire, David M. Roche, John P. - Quinn, Thomas H. . Kohler, Foy D. Goodell, Charles -Adams, Ralph - Dougovita, James P. - Hesburgh, Theodore - Jordan, Vernon - Maye, James -O'Connor, Aida - Walt, Lewis W. - Bennett, W. Tapley . - Kuchel, Thomas - Carmichael, Oliver - Segel, Joseph M. - Schaufele, William E. - Ferguson, Clarence . White, Barbara M. - Dent, Frederick B. - Tabor, John K -Ancker, Johnson, Betsy - Anderson, Raymond C. - Bakke, Karl E. - Bekins, Claude - Blunt, William W. - Dobbin, Tilton - Fribley, Bill H. -Hawke, Russell J. Merriman, Russell F. - Pate, James Leonard - Wood, Warren C, - Barabba, Vincent R. Critzer, James G. - Dann, Curtis M.

- Roberts, Richard W.
- Campbell, Roger L.
- Burns, Walter W., Jr.
- Henon, Paul J.
- Merker, Evelyn K.
- Milestone, Gordon K.
- Schubert, Richard F.
- Brown, Benjamin

- Hostler, Charles W.

Fasser, Paul J. - Kilberg, William J. - Kolberg, William H. - Stender, John H. Weiss, Abraham · Burdetsky, Ben - Murphy, Betty S. - Shiskin, Julius · Maymi, Carmen R. , Simon, William E. -Gardner, Stephen S. · Alexander, Donald · Bennett, Jack - Schmults, Edward C. - Smith, James E. - Albrecht, Richard R. - MacDonald, David R. - Webber, Frederick L. - Harley, Charles L. · Watt, Graham W. - Whitaker, Meade - Neff, Francine - Ryan, Allan S. -Minetti, C. Joseph - O'Melia, Richard J. -West, Lee R. - Powell, John H. - Kobelinski, Mitchell -Wiley, Richard E. - Lee, Robert E. - Quello, James H. - Robinson, Glen O. - Washburn, Abbott - Wille, Frank < LeMaistre, George A. - Bomar, Thomas R. - Marston, Garth . Perry, Grady, Jr. . Day, James V. . Usery, Willie J. . Engman, Lewis A. - Nye Stephen A. - Hanford, Mary E. - Thompson, Mayo J. - Stafford, George M. . Clapp, Charles L. -Gresham, Robert C. · Tuggle, Kenneth H. · Hanks, Nancy · Jenkins, Howard . Stowe, David H.

·Ives, George S.

.Cleary, Timothy F. Gallegos, Bert

·McMurray, Kay



- Mays, Marshall T. Gregg, David III Cooper, George R. Freeman, Harry L. -Chase, Goodwin Houston, Norman B. Garrett, Ray Jr. .Evans, John R. Loomis, Philip A., Jr. . Pollack, Irving M. · Sommer, A.A. Jr. · Lendman, William Wollard, David A. Bedell, Catherine M. · Minchew, Daniel · Moore, George

· Vaughn, Odell W. .Wilson, Rufus H. Simpson, Richard O. Franklin, Barbara Kushner, Lawrence ·Newman, Constance E. Pittle, R. David · Anthony, Robert A. .Coldwell, Philip E. Mitchell, George . Wallich, Henry C. .Quarles, Wythe D. Neely, H. Mason Stratton, William R. Ganley, John L. ·Craw, Nicholas 'Hogan, Harry J. Lynch, Marjorie



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 4, 1974

Dear Mr. Ruth:

ok 12/9/74

Mrs. Irene E. Portillo either holds or is being considered for an appointment to a public position of trust and confidence. In appraising her suitability for office, it would be helpful to have the benefit of any adverse knowledge held by the Watergate Special Prosecution Force. We would, therefore, be grateful for such information and advice as you think it appropriate to provide.

Out of an excess of caution, let me say that making this inquiry does not imply that any adverse material is known or expected.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Phillip Areeda

Counsel to the President

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December 5, 1974

Phillip E. Areeda, Esq. Counsel to the President The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Areeda:

This is in response to your inquiry of November 26, 1974, concerning individuals who already hold or whom you intend to appoint to public positions of trust and confidence.

After checking with the various task forces, I can report that the following persons are not the subject of any investigation conducted by the Watergate Special Prosecution Force.

> Richard B. Parker Wiley T. Buchanan Mark Evans Eugene V. McAuliffe Holsey G. Handyside Michael A. Samuels Wells Stabler Harry W. Shlaudeman Thomas J. Scotes

Ellsworth A. Van Graafeiland James P. Churchill Henry Bramwell John Elfvin H. Dale Cook Ronald T. Knight William G. Bowdler Edward B. McDonough Benjamin F. Butler Irvin W. Humphreys

> HENRY S. RUTH, JR. Special Prosecutor

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December 5, 1974

Phillip E. Areeda, Esq. Counsel to the President The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Areeda:

This is in response to your inquiry of November 25, 1974, concerning Peter Rousell and Terence A. Todmant who already hold or whom you intend to appoint to public positions of trust and confidence.

After checking with the various task forces, I can report that the above named individuals are not the subject of any investigation conducted by the Watergate Special Prosecution Force.

HENRY S. RUTH, JR. Special Prosecutor

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 6, 1974

Dear Mr. Ruth:

Mr. Monroe Leigh either holds or is being consi dered for an appointment to a public position of trust and confidence. In appraising his suitability for office, it would be helpful to have the benefit of any adverse knowledge held by the Watergate Special Prosecution Force. We would, therefore, be grateful for such information and advice as you think it appropriate to provide.

Out of an excess of caution, let me say that making this inquiry does not imply that any adverse material is known or expected.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Phillip Areeda Counsel to the President

Phillip Areeda

Honorable Henry S. Ruth, Jr.
Special Prosecutor
Watergate Special Prosecution Force
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1425 K Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20005



December 6, 1974

Phillip E. Areeda, Esq. Counsel to the President The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Areeda:

This is in response to your telephone inquiries of December 4, and December 5, 1974, concerning individuals who already hold or whom you intend to appoint to public positions of trust and confidence.

After checking with the various task forces, I can report that the following persons are not the subject of any investigation conducted by the Watergate Special Prosecution Force.

Sid Weintraub William Morrill Thomas Kauper Mike Moscow John Barnum

Sincerely

HENRY S. RUTH, JR. Special Prosecutor

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December 9, 1974

Phillip E. Areeda, Esq. Counsel to the President The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Areeda:

This is in response to your inquiry of November 6, 1974, concerning individuals who already hold or whom you intend to appoint to public positions of trust and confidence.

After checking with the various task forces, I can report that the persons on the attached list are not the subject of any investigation conducted by the Watergate Special Prosecution Force.

HENRY S. RUTH, JR. Special Prosecutor

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December 9, 1974

Phillip E. Areeda, Esq. Counsel to the President The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Areeda:

This is in response to your inquiry of December 4, 1974, concerning Mrs. Irene E. Portillo who already holds or whom you intend to appoint to a public position of trust and confidence.

After checking with the various task forces, I can report that Mrs. Portillo is not the subject of any investigation conducted by the Watergate Special Prosecution Force.

HENRY S. RUTH, JR. Special Prosecutor

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Meskill Denies Warning About Lease

Thomas J. Meskill of Connecti-

bitant lease arrangement with

processed by a state agency. The Governor *has only month left in office. He chose not to seek re-election, and is nancing he arranged for a ga-awaiting Senate confirmation Trage in Thomaston for the cut denied today that he had been warned ahead of time that the state was making an exor- of his appointment to the Unit-Highway Department.

last week that he had never Controller and Commissioner o been involved in any lease Consumer Protection in the Democratic administration of former Gov. John N. Dempsey was questioned about the fi-

ad States Second Circuit Court He was made a half partner

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

November 13, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

PHILLIP AREEDA

SUBJECT:

Meskill and Silbert

You must decide whether to resubmit the nominations of Meskill for court of appeals judge and Silbert for U. S. Attorney. I have not made an independent inquiry, but pass along these observations from Deputy Attorney General Silberman.

Meskill. There have been published suggestions that Meskill was somehow engaged in improper real estate dealings while he was Governor of Connecticut. This was checked out twice by the FBI. The fact seems to be the following: Persons who were partners of Meskill with respect to one real estate holding had dealt with Connecticut officials (other than the Governor) with respect to properties other than the one in which Meskill had an interest. The FBI file on this matter was shown to Senator Eastland before Meskill was nominated. And Meskill himself has testified in his confirmation hearings on this matter, to the apparent satisfaction of the committee; the committee staff had apparently made its own inquiries.

Silbert enjoys a good reputation at the Bar -- even among Civil Liberties Union people. Silberman gave the matter very careful review and concluded that there was no evidence of negligence in Silbert's handling of the original Watergate case. It was true that Silbert proceeded in a cautious fashion. Silberman regards him as absolutely first class, and it should be noted that Silbert was unanimously appointed U. S. Attorney by the U. S. District Court (which is the procedure for filling a vacancy in the interval before a Presidential appointee is nominated and confirmed). Not even



liberals on the Senate committee object to him. Senator Ervin is, however, very unhappy. It has been worked out with Senator Eastland that the committee will not move on the nomination until Senator Ervin retires. We must, however, resubmit the nomination in order to keep it alive.

My conclusions are these:

Although I have made no independent assessment of Meskill's judicial qualifications, his real estate . dealings should not dissuade you from resubmitting his nomination.

Although Silbert is controversial in some quarters, I see no independent basis for failing to resubmit his name.

