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MEETING IN SENATOR GRIFFIN'S
OFFICE

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1975

2:00 p.m.

Capitol - S-229

United States Senate

OFFICE OF
THE ASSISTANT MINORITY LEADER
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

July 28, 1975

Mr. James M. Cannon
Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Jim:

As you will recall, when Mayor Coleman Young and others from Detroit met with the President in the Cabinet Room several months ago, there was general agreement that, within the limits of existing authorization and appropriations, the various Departments and Agencies were to work together, under your co-ordination, to fund legitimate Detroit projects.

You were present at the meeting, so you may recall that I spoke then to Attorney General Levi about the urgent need in Detroit for a retention facility (jail) to handle Federal prisoners.

Later, he referred my proposal to the head of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and we quickly got a flat turn-down on the project, which reflected little appreciation of the real situation and no understanding of the "help Detroit" attitude that is supposed to prevail.

Thereafter, I set up a meeting to be held in my Capitol office (S-229) tomorrow, Tuesday, July 29, at 2:00 p.m. Attending will be Mr. Norman Carlson, Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and three Federal District Judges from Michigan (Judges Kaess, Kennedy and Harvey).

Despite their overloaded dockets, these judges are so concerned about the desperate need for such a facility that they want to come down here and lay out the facts.



Because of your role as "help Detroit" co-ordinator and because the Domestic Council is bound to have an interest, I shall appreciate it if you, or someone who can represent you, will attend. I'll have my secretary follow up this letter with a phone call to your office.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RPG', written over the word 'Sincerely'.

Robert P. Griffin
U. S. Senator

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