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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mayor Perk will not
be able to attend the
3:30 signing ceremony.

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WASHINGTON

April 8, 1976

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS
MESSAGE SIGNING CEREMONY

Thursday, April 8, 1976
3:30 P.M. (15 minutes)
The Rose Garden

From: Jim Cannon



I. PURPOSE

To sign messages to the Congress and the heads of Departments and Agencies and to call attention to programs to provide summer jobs for young people.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background: You have decided to request an urgent supplemental to provide \$528 million to support 888,100 summer jobs for young people through the CETA program.

You will sign a message to Congress calling attention to this request and reminding Congress of the urgent need for action on the supplemental request for \$1.7 billion to continue the existing CETA public service employment program.

You will also sign a memorandum to heads of Departments and Agencies to call attention to the Civil Service Commission's program to provide summer jobs for needy youth.

B. Participants:

(Complete list at Tab A)

C. Press Plan: Full press, photo opportunity

III. TALKING POINTS

Talking points are at Tab B.

Bob Orben will provide a reading copy.



PARTICIPANTS

GOVERNORS

Robert Ray, (R-Iowa)

MAYORS

~~Ralph Perk, (R-Cleveland)~~

Tom Moody, (R-Columbus)

Angelo Martinelli, (R-Yonkers)

William Hanna, (D-Rockville)

Walter Washington, (D-Washington)

COUNTY OFFICIALS

John Klein, (R-Suffolk County, Riverhead, New York)

James P. Gleason, (R-Montgomery County, Rockville, Maryland)

Robert N. Pierce, Jr., (R-Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, Pa.)

OTHERS

Steve Farber, Executive Director, National Governors Conference

John Gunther, Executive Director, U.S. Conference of Mayors

Alan Beals, Executive Director, National League of Cities

Bernie Hillenbrand, Executive Director, National Association
of Counties

Jon Weintraub, Legislative Representative, National Association
of Counties

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bill Usery

Bill Kolberg, Assistant Secretary for Employment & Training

John Read, Counselor to the Secretary

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Bob Hampton

STAFF

Jim Cannon

David Lissy

Steve McConahey

Pat Delaney



TALKING POINTS

1. I am pleased that a number of distinguished representatives of State, county and city governments are with us.
2. The Secretary of Labor, Bill Usery, and the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, Bob Hampton, are also here.
3. We have all been encouraged by the steady improvement shown in the economy the last several months. The Secretary of Labor advises me that the youth employment situation has also shown signs of improving.
4. Nevertheless, with the advent of summer vacations, it is clear that more young people will be seeking jobs than the private sector will be able to provide.
5. I am, therefore, formally transmitting to the Congress today a request for an urgent supplemental to provide \$528 million to support jobs for 888,100 disadvantaged youth this summer.
6. If the Congress will act promptly on my request, local CETA sponsors will be able to provide meaningful work and training opportunities for substantial numbers of young people.
7. I am also sending a memorandum today to the heads of all Federal Departments and Agencies calling upon them to cooperate to the fullest with the efforts of the Civil Service Commission to provide summer jobs in government for an additional 54,000 needy youth.
8. Finally, on a related matter, I want to again urge Congress to act on my request of January for \$1.7 billion to continue the existing public service employment program. Many CETA local prime sponsors are running short of funds and will have to lay people off if Congress does not act soon.
9. Whatever differences of opinion may exist on the job creation issue, there is no reason why local officials and those already employed in CETA public jobs should be kept in suspense and in fear of lay offs.
10. I hope the Congress will act promptly on these important matters and I am now pleased to sign the two messages.

