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MEETING WITH ART, STEVE McCONAHEY
Thursday, June 10, 1976
2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
JMC's Office

Re: Mayor ~~Panzler~~'s Letter
Jobs in Urban Areas

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

JMC

Shall we schedule
discussion time for
you, Steve and Art?

on

YES

NO

J



Kris
Pls.
schedule
next
wk

Th.
June 8
3:30
10

THE WHITE HOUSE

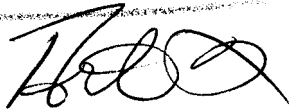
WASHINGTON

June 3, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CANNON
FROM: ART QUERN
SUBJECT: Response to Mayor Tanzler

While I fundamentally agree with Steve's point that an initiative on jobs in urban areas is sorely needed, I believe that this issue has been so exhaustively examined and debated in the EPB forum that any "in-house" attempt to pursue this again would prove fruitless.

Steve and I have discussed an idea Steve has about bringing this issue to the President's attention from another direction. I believe we (you, Steve, and I) ought to sit down and discuss this at your earliest convenience.



cc: Steve McConahey



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 27, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CANNON

FROM:

STEVE McCONAHEY

SUBJECT:

Response to Mayor Tanzler

In response to my May 24 memorandum to you (see attachment A), you asked what I would specifically like to see the President propose or accept. Frankly, I think the existing proposals toward the unemployment problems of our cities are inadequate. The continued policies of supporting broad economic recovery, General Revenue Sharing and financial incentives for providing private sector jobs in urban areas simply do not respond to the short term employment problems faced in many large urban areas.

The President's actions on Title II and the Summer Youth Employment program have responded in part to the Mayor's request. However, the absence of a compromise or alternative proposal on countercyclical and public works legislation leaves us vulnerable to the attack that we are insensitive to the real problems of urban areas, and gives the Democrats the opportunity to continue to lay the blame for inaction on our door step.

By proposing a compromise at a lower funding level than recently passed by the Senate, or an alternative, we could put the ball back in their court and protect ourselves from the criticism that we have taken no initiative to address the near-term unemployment problems. Moreover, I feel some type of short term program has merit.

I think these issues merit review for possible inclusion in an urban policy statement.

Attachment

5/31/76
Art: what do
you suggest?
JPH





THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 24, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CANNON
ART QUERN

FROM:

STEVE MCCONAHEY

SUBJECT:

Follow-up on President's
Meeting with the Executive
Committee of the NLC

In reference to the recent interest in new policy initiatives, I would like to resurrect comments offered by Mayor Tanzler of Jacksonville. As you may recall, Mayor Tanzler and other officials of the NLC met with the President to discuss the Administration's proposals affecting the cities. In response to the President's proposals for job creation, Mayor Tanzler sent the attached letter.

The thrust of this letter is that despite his support for the President's program in the long range, this proposal fails to meet the real problems that cities face in the short term. This letter may well identify some issues that we need to address in a new policy revision as well as any statement we make on the Administration's urban strategy.

Attachment

*Steve -
What
would
see
propose
specifically, like to
you President
or accept?
Jim*

