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FROM:

GEORGE W. HUMPHREYS

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cc: Art Quern

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DECISION JMC REQUEST

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FROM:

GEORGE W. HUMPHREYS

SUBJECT:

Redwood National Park

As you requested, attached is a suggested memo to the President bringing Pete McCloskey's suggestion to his attention.

After reading the Congressman's approach, I am not sure you want to bother the President. I recommend we put our own Q and A into the system without further debating the issue.

CANNON DECISION

Accept D.C. version

Seek further guidance from the President

Let's discuss

Q & A was sent to Ann Brunsdale at 4:50 on 10/2 per Juern's request

by Kris.



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WASHINGTON

October 1, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JIM CANNON

SUBJECT:

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Pete McCloskey is sending you a letter suggesting that you would pick up points in California by announcing your intention of buying privately held timber lands to protect an area in the Redwood National Park (Tab A). Waste and run-off problems from adjacent timber cuttings are fouling the Redwood Creek and adjacent Park areas which contain four of the six tallest redwood trees in the world.

The Justice Department, at the request of Interior, is currently negotiating with the timber companies, seeking voluntary compliance to our requests to restrict the harmful cutting practices. Justice is confident that, if negotiations fail, the courts will force compliance.

There probably should be some land acquisitions in the future in addition to the remedies sought by Justice. However, OMB and Interior feel we should make no direct commitment for purchases, as urged by Congressman McCloskey (Q & A at Tab B). I agree with that recommendation.

However, in light of the Congressman's suggestion to you, I thought you may want to review the two differing suggestions as to how to handle a possible question on this issue in California.

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#### THE REDWOODS

San Francisco

October 5, 1976

I have today directed Secretary of the Interior Tom Kleppe and the Chief of the Corps of Engineers to recommend such specific and immediate actions as they deem necessary to protect the National Redwood Park, including seeking additional appropriations authority from the Congress if this is required.

For the past several months, the Interior and Justice Departments of my Administration have engaged in intense negotiations with the lumber companies to protect and preserve the existing park, and particularly that portion containing 4 of the 6 tallest trees in the world.

I am painfully aware that these trees are in real danger. The 1968 legislative compromise on the size and boundaries of the park has proven unworkable and a responsible solution is urgently needed.

I am grateful for the intense and vocal efforts of the Sierra
Club and other conservation groups to call this matter to my attention.

I am likewise grateful that the lumber companies whose property abuts
the Park have thus far voluntarily refrained from logging those areas
which most endanger the Park. We owe the American people a prompt
solution which will assure maximum protection of the Park as well as
maintenance of a viable timber economy on California's northern coast.

I am hopeful that my action today will help achieve this result, and I intend to have prompt action before this winter's heavy rains.

#### REDWOOD NATIONAL PARK

- Q. Mr. President, what are you going to do to protect Redwood National Park?
- A. The danger to Redwood Creek and the adjacent Park land is clear, and I do not intend to let it continue.

To date, Secretary of Interior Kleppe has requested the assistance of the Department of Justice to seek a resolution to the problem caused by private timber practices on the upward slopes. The Attorney-General is currently negotiating with the industry people, and I am hopeful that a responsible settlement can be reached without our having to resort to litigation to protect the rights of the people. I have no reason to believe that the discussions will not continue on the same good-faith basis as they have up to now.

I am also aware of the boundary distortions that contribute to the problem. Congress was aware of the problem it was creating when the Redwood Creek extension was added to the Park, but their hopes of achieving a solution by cooperative agreement have not yet materialized. Consequently, should the current negotiations fail to offer the needed protection, I am prepared to work with the Congress to seek the appropriate legislative remedies as required to ensure that these irreplaceable natural treasures are completely protected.

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October 11, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JIM CANNON

SUBJECT:

Mount Rushmore National Memorial

Attached at Tab A is a letter for your signature to Governor Connally concerning a letter he received from Lincoln Borglum. At Tab B is a fact sheet for information which you had requested.

I recommend that you sign the letter at Tab A which has been approved by Robert T. Hartmann's office.

attachments

## THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

#### Dear Governor Connally:

I have discussed with Secretary of the Interior Kleppe the letter which you sent me from Mr. Lincoln Borglum, son of the Mount Rushmore sculptor, Gutson Borglum.

We agree that the plan for establishing the Hall of Records at the Memorial has merit. The Department of the Interior proposes to introduce a draft general development plan for Mount Rushmore which will be presented to the public this winter. The Hall of Records proposed will be one of the alternatives in the general development plan. Comments from the public will assist the Department in formulating a final concept.

Officials from the Interior Department will continue to consult with Mr. Borglum in connection with the Hall of Records proposal and the public review of the draft general development plan.

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Warm personal regards,

Honorable John B. Connally Attorney at Law First City National Bank Building Houston, Texas 77002

#### FACT SHEET FOR THE PRESIDENT

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 4, 1976 007 5 AM 8 25

MEMORANDUM TO: JIM CANNON

FROM:

GEORGE W. HUMPHREYS

SUBJECT:

John Connally's Letter Concerning Mount Rushmore

Attached is a less negative draft response in reply to Governor Connally's letter to the President, along with a Fact Sheet.

Please advise if you need anything further.

10/5/76 letter sext back to Humphreys to be prepared for P's signature,





### United States Department of the Interior

### OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

October 1, 1976

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

George Humphreys

FROM:

Peter Jarowev

SUBJECT:

Mount Rushmore "Hall of Records"

Attached, per your directions, is a draft response to Governor Connally and a fact sheet for the President's review.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Attachments



Save Energy and You Serve America!

Dear Governor Connally:

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While the final proposal could be quite costly, I have been assured that the Departmental officials will continue to consult with Mr. Borglum in connection with the Hall of Records proposal and the public review of the draft general development plan.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely yours,
The President

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September 8, 1976

Dear Mr. President:

Here's a copy of a letter I received from Lincoln Borglum. His father, Gutson Borglum, was the sculptor of Mount Rushmore.

Obviously, he has an abiding personal interest, but in addition to that, it seems to me that he has an idea worth your consideration.

Sincerely,

John B. Connally

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

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Dear Governor:

I am glad that you received the book, but I am sure that with the very bust schedule you have, you have not been able to get into its main subject.

Mt.Rushmore is becoming more and more a part of the American scene with almost each passing day, newspaper articles, photographs, advertising, etc., and one of the largest visitation areas in the National Park System.

As Rushmore stands to-day, we have a great National Monument, for all the world to see, but there is no record of why the mountain was carved or who its fingures are. The plans called for a room to be carved into the mountain, directly behind—the four heads, on the walls of this room would be inscriptions telling the why and who and a history of our greatness. Without this, we will be leaving another enigma for another civilization a hundred thousand years from now.

This plan was authorized by the Congress and some work done but all funding was stopped with the advent of World War II.

It would seem that a new start on this would fit very well into President Fords announced new program for the National Park Service and be a very fitting record of our bicentennial. It would also have a continual economic impact on that whole area, since the tourists have to cross many states to just get there.

I would like very much that this could be brought to The Presidents attention and am taking the liberty of asking you for any suggestions.

Very Sincerely

September 1,1976

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 6, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO:

ROBERT T. HARTMANN

FROM:

JIM CANNON

SUBJECT:

Letter to Governor Connally

The attached letter is for your approval.



Dear Governor Connally:

I have discussed with Secretary of the Interior Kleppe the letter which you sent me from Mr. Lincoln Borglum, son of the Mount Rushmore sculptor, Gutson Borglum.

We agree that the plan for establishing the Hall of Records at the Memorial has merit. The Department of the Interior proposes to introduce a draft general development plan for Mount Rushmore which will be presented to the public this winter. The Hall of Records proposed will be one of the alternatives in the general development plan. Comments from the public will assist the Department in formulating a final concept.

Officials from the Interior Department will continue to consult with Mr. Borglum in connection with the Hall of Records proposal and the public review of the draft general development plan.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Warm personal regards,

GRF

Honorable John B. Connally
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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 30, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CANNON

FROM:

JIM CONNOR JEF

SUBJECT:

Mount Rushmore National Memorial

The President recently reviewed the attached letter from John Connally concerning a letter he received from Lincoln Borglum. His father, Gutson Borglum, was the sculptor of Mount Rushmore.

The President asked for a full story and requested a paper.

The Department of Interior supplied the material at TAB A. It is considered that the material supplied by Interior is too detailed.

Please arrange for a shorter response for Governor Connally, as well as a fact sheet for the President's review.

cc: Quern Moore

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 19, 1976

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#### ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CANNON

FROM:

JIM CONNOR JE &

SUBJECT:

S. 64 - Lincoln National Memorial

When the President signed S. 64 - Lincoln National Memorial Bill he made the following notation:

"What is status of Department of Justice law suits on one House vetoes?"

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON October 27, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JIM CANNO

SUBJECT:

Status of Department of Justice Lawsuit

on One-House Veto

You asked on October 19, 1976, about the status of the Department of Justice's lawsuit on the one-House veto question.

The U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia has heard argument in the case of <u>Clark</u> v. <u>Valeo</u>, raising the question of the constitutionality of a one-House veto; but has not yet rendered a decision. This is the only case in which the Department of Justice is participating that raises the one-House veto issue.

The case was filed on July 1, 1976, seeking declaratory and injunctive relief from certain provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971. Specifically, the plaintiff challenged the authority of the Congress to require that proposed rules and regulations of the Federal Election Commission be subject to disapproval by resolution of either House of Congress.

On August 27, 1976, the District Court entered an order granting the motion of the United States to intervene as a party plaintiff in the litigation. Thereafter, the case was certified to the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, which held an en banc hearing on September 10, 1976. Two issues are before the Court: (1) justiciability; namely, whether the courts should consider the constitutional issue at all, and (2) the constitutionality of the legislative veto.

We have asked the Justice Department to keep us informed.

cc: McConahey Humphreys

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CANNON

FROM:

JIM CONNOR JEE

SUBJECT:

Inclusion of Chamberlain Basin in Wilderness Recommendations

Confirming verbal advices, the President reviewed your memorandum of October 22 on the above subject and approved your recommendation to include the Chamberlain Basin in this wilderness area and that he will ask the next Congress to do so through an amendment to the Idaho Primitive Area under the Wilderness Act.

The President signed the letter to Congressman Symms and it has been given to Max Friedersdorf's office for delivery.

Please follow-up with any other action that is necessary.

already done.

cc: Dick Cheney

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