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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *dy*THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

AUG 16 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROY L. ~~ASH~~

SUBJECT: Reinstatement of Executive Reorganization Authority

The Reorganization Act of 1949 created authority for the President to submit Reorganization Plans for reorganizing elements of government of less than Department stature. These plans have important advantages over regular legislation--each is a set proposal which cannot be amended, and each takes effect automatically after 60 calendar days of Congressional session unless vetoed by either House. Over the years, 93 Presidential plans have been submitted and 73 have been approved. Such important agencies as OMB, EPA, ACTION, and the Drug Enforcement Administration have been created in this manner.

This authority expired on April 1, 1973, and previous attempts to obtain Congressional extension have failed. If we are to have any chance to obtain renewal of this important Presidential authority, I believe we must:

- Submit legislation before Congressman Brooks succeeds Chet Holifield as Chairman of the House Government Operations Committee, since Brooks has strongly opposed this legislation in the past;
- take advantage of whatever "honeymoon" period we can expect; and
- ask for your personal support and assistance in obtaining early Congressional attention.

If you concur, I will prepare legislation for you to submit to Congress immediately after the upcoming recess.

MR. F Approve (Cole, Timmons)

_____ Disapprove (Buchen feels it would not be good strategy and should wait until next year when the President has an idea of what reorganization he wants.)