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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN. *68*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON
August 21, 1974

*Called
8/21/74*

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Sen. John McClellan (D-Ark)

PURPOSE: Express thanks for his efforts in beating back any further cuts in Defense Appropriations bill.

RECOMMENDED BY: William E. Timmons
Tom Korologos

BACKGROUND:

1. The Senate this afternoon passed the DOD Appropriations bill 86-5. Although we suffered some losses in the Committee, we beat back any further cuts on the Senate floor.
2. The closest was the defeat of a Proxmire amendment cutting another \$200 million from MASF that lost 47-44. Later we defeated Eagleton who tried to cut another billion dollars from the bill, 37-55.

TALKING POINTS:

1. Good work, John, on a tough assignment. I particularly appreciate your contribution in beating back the MASF cut.
2. I sure hope you try and restore as much money as you can in Conference.
3. How is Mrs. McClellan? I am sorry she could not make it to the State Dinner Friday night.