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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *Q.F.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SIGNING CEREMONY FOR EDUCATION
AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1975

HEW AUDITORIUM

Wednesday - August 21, 1974

2:00 P. M.

From: Terry O'Donnel **TOD**

BACKGROUND:

You will sign the Education Bill, the first major legislation to become law during your Administration, before a large group of approximately 400, including Members of Congress, heads of the key education associations and HEW employees.

Your participation will involve first signing the bill, then remarks, and then handshakes with representatives of the education associations.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

2:00 p. m. You board motorcade and depart South Lawn
en route HEW Auditorium.

(Driving Time: 5 minutes)

2:05 p. m. Arrive HEW North Building.

You will be met by Frank Carlucci, Under Secretary of HEW, who will be escorting you throughout the event.

Dr. Carlucci will lead you to a holding area outside the auditorium where you will pause for the announcement.

2. Signing Ceremony for Education
Amendments Act of 1975
August 21, 1974 - Wednesday

2:06 p. m.

Following the announcement, you proceed into the auditorium and directly to the signing table where you will sign the bill using the eight pens situated on the table.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

NOTE: After signing, please leave the bill and pens on the table. The eight pens will later be given to each of the Members of Congress on the stage and to the Secretary of HEW. (Platform guests attached at TAB A).

2:10 p. m.

Immediately after signing the legislation, proceed to the podium to your right to deliver your remarks (attached at TAB B).

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

2:15 p. m.

Your remarks conclude.

Dr. Carlucci will escort you off the stage right. You will cross in front of the stage and shake hands with approximately 15 key education association representatives who will be facing the audience.

NOTE: Before leaving the auditorium, you should greet the Members of Congress sitting in the first several rows of the auditorium.

2:20 p. m.

Depart auditorium, board motorcade en route Capitol Hill. Bill Timmons will be waiting in your limousine.

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PLATFORM GUESTS

Congressman Alphonzo Bell (R-CA)

Congressman John Brademas (D-Ind)

Congressman Albert Quie (R-Minn)

Congressman Carl Perkins (D-Ky)

Dr. Frank Carlucci, Under Secretary for HEW

Senator James O. Eastland (D-Miss)

Dr. Virginia Trotter, Assistant Secretary for Education

Dr. Ted Bell, Commissioner of Education

Senator Harrison Williams, Jr. (D-NJ)

Senator Claiborne Pell (D-RI)

Senator Peter Dominick (R-Colo)

Mr. Steven Kurzman, Assistant Secretary for Legislation

Dr. Charles Cooke, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation (Education)

Dr. John Ottina, Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management

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(Bakshian)DG

Wish Sec W.
present

Left handed Pass
signing Ed. bill.

August 20, 1974

SUGGESTED PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS, EDUCATION BILL SIGNING

It is a pleasure for me to sign this important piece of legislation before such a distinguished company.

President Eisenhower once said that "The Federal role should be merely to facilitate -- never to control -- education." Striking the right balance between helping and dominating is never easy. But, in general, I believe that we have succeeded in H. R. 69.

No one faction or party dictated the contents of this important measure. It was the product of long, hard discussions and compromise between the legislative and executive branches. The result is not perfect. But it is a good law, justly and fairly achieved.

-- This bill provides for more effective distribution of Federal funds to elementary and secondary schools, so that tax dollars can go where they can do the most good.

-- This bill also provides for better administration of Federal education programs, so that States and localities will have more control over their own schools.

-- And this legislation places reasonable restrictions upon the forced busing of school children, so that we can begin to resolve one of the most difficult problems of our time.

All in all, H. R. 69 represents the approach to government that I hope to bring to every issue facing America.

In a free country we are always going to have disagreements -- different shades of opinion. But candor, cooperation and compromise can hold this great and diverse Nation of ours together -- and keep it moving forward.

Thank you.

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