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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *AS*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 4, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William E. Timmons *BT*
SUBJECT: Sen. John Sparkman (D-Ala)

As you know, Sen. Sparkman has indicated his desire to assume the chairmanship of the Foreign Relations Committee next year when Bill Fulbright (D-Ark) gives up his seat. John will then be relieved of his Banking Committee chairmanship by the senior Democrat Bill Proxmire (D-Wis).

Should Sparkman change his mind, Sen. Mansfield would be eligible for the Foreign Relations chairmanship if it did not conflict with his leader's duties.

Looking at Congress and our economic problems, I personally feel the country needs Sparkman at the head of the Banking panel. If you agree, you may want to chat with the Alabama Senator some time soon.

*9/5/ I did call Sen. Sparkman.
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but is staying on B. & C. . . Says he will continue
to have influence.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 6, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS
FROM: JERRY H. JONES
SUBJECT: Sen. John Sparkman (D-Ala)

Your memorandum to the President of September 4 on the above subject has been reviewed and the following notations were made:

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cc: Al Haig