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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *WJ*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON
September 4, 1974

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William E. Timmons *WT*
SUBJECT: Cargo Preference

You asked me to follow up on an amendment to subject measure.

The Domestic Council drafted an amendment to this legislation which grants to the President broad waiver authority based on "national interest".

Cabinet officers, departmental legislative personnel and industry lobbyists are hard at work trying to defeat the bill.

Sen. Norris Cotton is the leader of forces against the bill but is willing to offer and fight for the amendment. He is not optimistic about having it adopted however.

Therefore a decision needs to be made regarding your position should waiver authority not be granted in any cargo preference legislation reaching your desk.

I WILL SIGNING THE BILL ANYWAY Not necessarily

I WILL VETO THE BILL Maybe

I DO NOT WANT TO TAKE A POSITION YET I strongly need

the Waiver
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 6, 1974

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS
FROM: JERRY H. JONES
SUBJECT: Cargo Preference

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

I will be signing the bill anyway.
-- Not necessarily.

I will veto the bill.
-- Maybe.

I do not want to take a position yet.
-- I strongly need the waiver.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Al Haig
Ken Cole
Roy Ash