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THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION

WASHINGTON

September 5, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William E. Timmons *BT*

SUBJECT: House of Representatives

The Speaker asked Gary Hymel to privately explore through me your possible interest in attending a session of the House on September 25 when Members will celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Continental Congress.

- Rep. Mike McCormack (D-Wash) is Chairman of the event.
- Rep. Barbara Jordan (D-Tex) will read a prayer.
- Alistair Cook will read a fifteen-minute tribute.
- There will be honor guards, colors, fife and drum corps, etc.
- The session is expected to be televised.
- It is not a joint session. The Senate, Cabinet and Supreme Court will not be invited.

If you wish to attend, the Speaker would extend to you an invitation to speak. If you do not speak, a special chair in the Well will be set up for you.

There are several reasons why you may wish to regret this invitation:

- That is day of the Leone arrival.
- You appear before joint breakfast of C&M-SOS that morning.

- You entertain Senate and House staff assistants the night before.
- You have recently addressed a joint session and visited the Capitol twice.
- Some Members may think you are "horning in" on their event.
- If you speak, it could detract from other participants; it could be awkward if you don't speak.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize Bill Timmons to turn down the invitation with your warm appreciation for the Speaker thinking of you.

TURN DOWN

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ACCEPT

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I NEED MORE INFORMATION

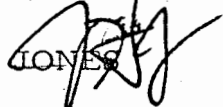
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 10, 1974

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS  
FROM: JERRY H. JONES   
SUBJECT: House of Representatives

Your memorandum to the President of September 5 on the above subject has been reviewed and your recommendation -- to turn down the invitation -- was approved.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Al Haig