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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

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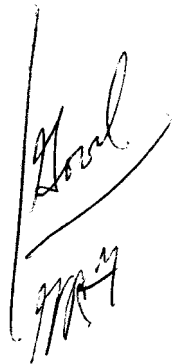
MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: ROY L. ASH
SUBJECT: CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND BUREAU
OF RECLAMATION APPROPRIATIONS

Individual projects are not line-item appropriations. They are not named in the appropriation language and project-level amounts are not listed in the appropriation bill. In fact, the total appropriated each year is substantially less than the sum of the project amounts listed in appropriation committee reports.

As we discussed, however, most Congressmen and Senators tend to treat projects in their own constituencies as though they were line-item appropriations, and the detailed treatment of projects in Committee hearings and reports tends to reinforce this tendency.

Because of the Congressional interest at the project level of detail, the executive branch works with Congress on a project-by-project basis, though trying at the same time to retain sufficient flexibility in programming funds within appropriations totals to allow for sound management.

It is our plan to set up deferrals consistent with your instructions. The package will ask for deferral of two-thirds of the Congressional add-ons for on going construction and one-half of the funding for new starts. Our report will provide for deferral of specific dollar amounts from each of the affected public work accounts. In addition, we will attach a list of those individual projects affected. While we cannot be sure the Committees will consider these deferrals, it is our belief that they will want to consider the entire package rather than individual projects. I have asked Associate Director Frank Zarb to work with the two Committees and the affected agencies to facilitate this compromise.



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September 8, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ROY L. ASH
FROM: JERRY H. JONES
SUBJECT: Corps of Engineers and Bureau
of Reclamation Appropriations

Your memorandum to the President of September 6 on the above subject has been reviewed and the following notation was made with regard to the last paragraph:

-- Good.

cc: Al Haig