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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *by*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 12, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William E. Timmons *bx*

SUBJECT: Sen. John McClellan (D-Ark)

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Secretary Jim Schlesinger called this morning to suggest, if possible, you ask Chairman John Stennis into your office after this morning's meeting for a very brief chat on the Defense Appropriations bill. The conference meets today and McClellan is planning to give back \$600 million but Schlesinger wants \$800-1,000 million restored.

Jim argues inflation has hurt DOD and that the Soviets may test the new President and now is not the time to give them a false signal.