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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, D.C.

about
9-25-74

From the President:

To:

Ken Cole

Date:

Time

a.m.

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on Tues. evening about

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN. *AG*

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RECOMMENDED BY: Kenneth R. Cole, James H. Falk *JHF*

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TALKING POINTS:

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small and limited portion of a comprehensive transit program which is is predominantly for capital improvements

B. It must not result in expenditures over the fiscal '75 budget levels or create pressures to exceed projected expenditures in succeeding fiscal years.

C. The decision of whether or not to spend transit dollars for capital or operating purposes must be a state and local decision not made by a federal official.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 25, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR: KENNETH R. COLE, JR.

FROM: JERRY H. JONES

The following comments were made by the President with regard to his call to Governor Wilson:

-- Talked with Gov. Wilson on Tuesday evening about 10:00 p.m. Simply wanted to tell me he supports Minish bill.

cc: Al Haig
Jim Falk