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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, D.C.

10-1-74

From the President:

To:

Don Rumsfeld

Date:

Time

a.m.

p.m.

I talked with Tip
O'Neil. Said I would
sign but no appropriation
request in F.Y. 1976
Budget. He understands.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 1, 1974

Mr. President:

Attached at Tab A is the Enrolled Bill Report. Tab B is the veto statement in case you decide to veto the bill per Cole's recommendation. Tab C is the bill, itself, in case you decide to sign it.

Don


THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 30, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM: KEN COLLE
SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill: Boston Historical Sites

BACKGROUND

This bill would authorize the Interior Department to purchase and maintain seven historical sites in Boston including Paul Revere House, the Old State House, Bunker Hill, the Charlestown Navy Yard and the U.S.S. Constitution. It authorizes appropriations of not to exceed \$2,740,000 and \$24,318,000, respectively, for land acquisition and development. The bill was sponsored by Senator Kennedy and has the strong support of Bicentennial proponents.

These properties are currently open to the public and are in no immediate danger of losing the protection they now have as historic sites.

ARGUMENTS FOR SIGNING

The Interior Department urges that you sign this bill, even though they argued against it during Committee hearings. They point out that the sites are of national significance and this legislation would give them the power of eminent domain if public access and preservation of these sites were to come to jeopardy.

ARGUMENTS FOR VETO

OMB argues that while the budget impact of this bill is not overwhelmingly large, the historical preservation purposes of the bill are being accomplished by non-federal means and, therefore, there is no advantage by putting these properties in federal ownership and thereby increasing demands on the Federal Treasury.

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Bill Timmons points out that the bill passed by voice vote and he recommends for veto but cautions that this may be characterized as an anti-Kennedy and anti-Bicentennial action.

STAFF AND AGENCY POSITIONS

The following recommend that you sign:

Rog Morton

The following recommend veto:

Roy Ash
Ken Cole
Bill Timmons

Phil Buchen takes no position.

DECISION

Sign _____

Veto _____

If veto, issue attached veto statement.

Agree _____

Disagree _____

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 1, 1974

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: KENNETH R. COLE, JR.
FROM: JERRY H. JONES *JHJ*
SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill: Boston
Historical Sites

Your memorandum to the President of September 30 on the above subject has been reviewed and the President signed the bill. The following notation was made:

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cc: Don Rumsfeld
Roy Ash
Bill Timmons