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INFORMATION

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 11, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William E. Timmons *BT*  
SUBJECT: Mansfield Bill

*BT*

John Rhodes called during Turkish cut-off debate and asked authority to say we would halt all assistance to Turkey until December 15.

I checked with General Scowcroft and could not give Rhodes this assurance. After checking, however, NSC authorized me to tell Rhodes that there would be no new obligations for hardware between now and December 15th when Mansfield legislation expires.

"Obligations" are new commitments, not pipeline. Also, "hardware" means expenditures for equipment, not shipping costs.

cc: General Scowcroft  
Ron Nessen