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*THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 19, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: PHILLIP AREEDA *P.A.*

SUBJECT: Pocket Veto

With respect to any pending bills that you wish to veto during the current Congressional recess, it is recommended that you refuse to sign the bill and return it to the Congressional agents appointed to receive Presidential messages. Everyone agrees that this course of action will result in an effective veto. Roy Ash, Phil Buchen, Ken Cole and Bill Timmons agree.

In order to make clear that we are preserving the Presidential prerogative of the pocket veto, we recommend that each such veto message contain the following paragraph.

"I am advised by the Attorney General and I have determined that the absence of my signature from this bill prevents it from becoming law. Without in any way qualifying this determination, I am also returning it without my approval to those designated by Congress to receive messages at this time."

In the event that you wish to assert a pocket veto without the precaution of returning the unsigned bill to Congress, we ask that you call us in for a meeting.

APPROVE *PA. 7.*

HAVE A MEETING \_\_\_\_\_

