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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, D.C.

From the President:

To:

Don R.

Date:

Time

a.m.

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To J.J.
D.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 5, 1974

MR. PRESIDENT:

The following people have reviewed the attached memorandum and approve Option 1: Ash, Buchen, Cole, Timmons, Burch, the White House Personnel Office and the Chief Executive Clerk.

The following comments were made by Roy Ash and the Counsel's Office:

Ash -- Supports Option 1 and believes GSA is capable of performing the functions that would be transferred to it under that option. The implementation of Option 1 will necessitate a revision of Executive Order No. 11724. If the recommended action is approved, OMB will prepare an amendatory Order.

Counsel's Office -- By law this is a Presidential function and should not be delegated to a departmental level. We understand that the staff support for this decision making function will be taken over by OMB, which is consistent with review at the Presidential level. Delegation of other functions to the departments is unobjectionable.

Don

11/5/74

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 27, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANNE ARMSTRONG *ARA*

SUBJECT: FEDERAL PROPERTY COUNCIL IN FY 1975

Executive Order 11724 of June 25, 1973, (copy attached) established within the Executive Office of the President, the Federal Property Council, which replaced the old Property Review Board. The Council, which I chair, was established to continue the administration of the Legacy of Parks program, as well as to recommend to the President necessary modifications in Federal real property policies. Other members have been: Roy Ash, Dean Burch, Fred Buzhardt, Russ Peterson, Ken Rush, Herb Stein, and Bill Timmons.

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During FY 1973, the Council's operations were funded by the Office of Emergency Preparedness, while in FY 1974 expenses were met by the President's Emergency Fund. In an earlier memorandum, which has been circulated among your staff, I favored White House support for the Federal Property Council staff operations this year, which would cost about \$270,000. Now, however, in view of the need to reduce the size and scope of the White House Staff, I have explored alternatives to White House funding.

There are three basic options:

Option 1: Place the Council's staff functions in other agencies, such as GSA, OMB, and the Department of the Interior, while retaining the Council to coordinate activities and advise the President.

Option 2: Place the Council's staff functions in other agencies, and abolish the Council.

Option 3: Abolish the Council and its functions.

My belief is that the functions of the Council definitely need to be continued. The Legacy of Parks program, in particular, has emerged as a concrete example of our determination to return resources and decision-making to State and local governments.

It is possible to continue the Legacy of Parks program, as well as the policy review and case arbitration functions, by placing the staff in other agencies. However, a high Presidential profile for the Legacy of Parks program would be enhanced by maintaining the Federal Property Council (perhaps with membership changes) as a coordinating and advisory body within the White House.

RECOMMENDATION: That you approve Option 1, and direct me to proceed with implementation, including preparation of a new Executive Order.

NA7 Agree, implement Option 1.

_____ Disagree, implement Option 2.

_____ Disagree, implement Option 3.

_____ See me.

Attachment

*Original in Presidential Handwriting
(Initialed Material)*

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSEEXECUTIVE ORDER11724

FEDERAL PROPERTY COUNCIL

By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 205(a) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 486(a)), and as President of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

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Sec. 7. This order shall be effective as of July 1, 1973.

RICHARD NIXON

THE WHITE HOUSE,

June 25, 1973

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 8, 1974

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: ANNE L. ARMSTRONG
FROM: JERRY H. JONES
SUBJECT: Federal Property Council in FY 1975

Your memorandum to the President of August 27 on the above subject has been reviewed and your recommendation -- Option 1 -- was approved.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

4

Date: August 28, 1974

Time:

FOR ACTION: Roy Ash
Phil Buchen
Ken Cole
Bill Timmons
Dave Wimer

cc (for information):

Dean Burch
Bob Linder

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Tuesday, September 3, 1974

Time: noon

SUBJECT:

Armstrong memo (8/27/74) re: Funding of
Federal Property Council

ACTION REQUESTED:

- For Necessary Action
- For Your Recommendations
- Prepare Agenda and Brief
- Draft Reply
- For Your Comments
- Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Armstrong - Option 1
 Ash - Option 1 see memo
 Buchen - Option 1 see memo
 Burch - Option 1
 Linder - ok
 Timmons - Option 1
 Cole - Option 1
 Wimer - ok

11/5 - wfp

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Jerry H. Jones
Staff Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Oct 11
'74

Don - was holding
up this memo in
hopes of discussing
it with you.

Help!

Thanks,

Anne

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 8, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: DON RUMSFELD
FROM: ANNE ARMSTRONG *ALA*
SUBJECT: Federal Property Council

The financial situation at the Federal Property Council is very bleak. Attached is a memorandum which went to the President several weeks ago, explaining the situation. As you know, FPC receives no appropriation and has existed through the support of other offices and agencies. We had hoped to be financed this fiscal year by the Domestic Council. However, its appropriation was cut, and while Ken Cole has been very helpful in assisting us with some expenses, we have been told that no further support can be given.

I have not yet received an answer to the attached memo. In the meantime, FPC's problems have grown worse. We are now at the point where the staff's telephones and Xerox machine may be taken out. There is no money for travel, and we quite literally face eviction from the Winder Building.

We need a Presidential decision on my memorandum as quickly as possible. I would like to again recommend Option 1, since it continues the Council's coordinating and public information roles within the White House.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 27, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ANNE ARMSTRONG

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SUBJECT:

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RECOMMENDATION: That you approve Option 1, and direct me to proceed with implementation, including preparation of a new Executive Order.

_____ Agree, implement Option 1.

_____ Disagree, implement Option 2.

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RICHARD NIXON

THE WHITE HOUSE,

June 25, 1973

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

SEP 12 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Jerry H. Jones

FROM: Roy L. Ash

SUBJECT: Armstrong memo (8/27/74)
re: Funding of Federal
Property Council

I believe that sufficient benefits can be anticipated to justify the continued existence of the Federal Property Council. Therefore, I support Option 1 as set forth in Anne Armstrong's memorandum of August 27, 1974, to the President.

I believe that GSA is capable of performing the functions that would be transferred to it under that option. Over the last 18 months we have strengthened GSA's capability for policy development and for Government-wide administrative management. An Office of Federal Management Policy has been established in GSA to provide broad overall view independent of GSA operational functions. Performance of the transferred functions, under the policy guidance of the Federal Property Council, would be an appropriate role for that Office with GSA's Associate Administrator for Federal Management Policy the logical designee as Executive Secretary of the Council. In this dual role, he could assure that the Council's policies and guidance are implemented.

I understand that GSA will support the proposal without any increase in direct staffing, at least for FY 1975, provided the Administrator is made a member of the Council and GSA is able to receive assistance from other agencies (i.e., Interior and DOD) as may be required. In this regard, there appears to be no legal reason why the Administrator would have to be made a member of the Council in order to effectuate Option 1. Although I see no problem with the transfer of these functions to GSA, I suggest that in view of our effort to have an open dialogue with

the Congress, GSA raise the matter with their appropriation Sub-Committee before any such proposal is implemented. Congressman Steed and Senator Montoya cover both White House and GSA budgets.

The implementation of Option 1 would necessitate a revision of Executive Order No. 11724. If the recommended action is approved, we will be happy to prepare an amendatory Order.

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: August 28, 1974

Time:

FOR ACTION: Roy Ash

cc (for information):

Phil Buchen

Ken Cole

✓ Dean Burch

Bill Timmons

Bob Linder

Dave Wimer

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Tuesday, September 3, 1974

Time noon today

SUBJECT:

Armstrong memo (8/27/74) re: Funding of
Federal Property Council

ACTION REQUESTED:

_____ For Necessary Action

X_____ For Your Recommendations

_____ Prepare Agenda and Brief

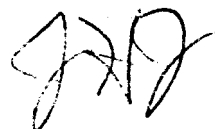
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X_____ For Your Comments

_____ Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

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Jerry H. Jones
Staff Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 4, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: JERRY JONES

FROM: DUDLEY CHAPMAN *DC*

SUBJECT: Armstrong Memo re: Funding
of Federal Property Council

Among the functions presently performed by the Federal Property Council is the Presidential resolution of disputed matters between different departments and agencies. By law this is a Presidential function and should not be delegated to a departmental level.

John Vickerman tells me that the staff support for this decision making function will be taken over by OMB, which is consistent with review at the Presidential level. Delegation of other functions to the departments is unobjectionable. John did not think there were any funding implications for the portion of the Council's functions that would be taken over by OMB.

Based on the above understandings, this office has no objection to the recommendation in the Armstrong memorandum.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 5, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR JERRY JONES

FROM: KEN COLE


SUBJECT: Armstrong memo (8-27-74) re: Funding
of Federal Property Council

The Domestic Council concurs in Anne Armstrong's
recommendation of Option 1 of the attached memorandum.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 3, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. WARREN HENDRIKS
FROM: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS 
SUBJECT: Action Memorandum - Log No.
Armstrong memo (8/27/74) re: Funding
of Federal Property Council

The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs in the attached proposal and has no additional recommendations.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

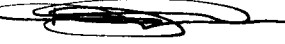
WASHINGTON

September 11, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JERRY H. JONES

FROM:

DAVID J. WIMER 

SUBJECT:

Armstrong Memo 8/27/74 -
Federal Property Council

Ann's recommendation to the President makes sense to me for the reasons outlined in the attached 8/21/74 memo to you on this same subject.

August 21, 1974


MEMORANDUM FOR: JERRY H. JONES
FROM: DAVID J. WEMER
SUBJECT: Federal Property Council

I don't profess to know the ins and outs of FPC activity, but I understand that there is a move afoot to restructure the Council and still satisfy the President's desire to keep White House staff trimmed to a minimum. I do feel that the Council and its functions are very valuable. It provides good public relations through the Legacy of Parks Program and gives us the opportunity to help Congressmen with some of this positive public relations. The idea of keeping the Council but giving the staff and the functions out to the agencies appeals to me. The White House can keep overview and control without a large supporting bureaucracy. I understand that Anne Armstrong will be proposing something to this effect. I'm for it.

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ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: August 19, 1974

Time:

FOR ACTION: Roy Ash
Phil Buchen
Ken Cole
Dave Wimer *gr*
Bill Timmons *or*

cc (for information):

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Wednesday, August 21, 1974

Time: 3:00 p. m.

SUBJECT:

Armstrong memo (8/16/74) re: Funding of Federal Property Council

ACTION REQUESTED:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> For Necessary Action | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For Your Recommendations |
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REMARKS:

422 - Being completely redone.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 16, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
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SUBJECT: Funding of Federal Property Council

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The FPC has always had difficulty obtaining the necessary funding. During FY 73, its operations were funded by the Office of Emergency Preparedness. In FY 74, funding of \$65,000 came from the President's Emergency Fund, with staff personnel detailed from other Departments and Agencies.

Earlier this year, General Haig determined that FPC funds for FY 75 should come from the Domestic Council budget. The funding level was set at approximately \$85,000 (budget attached), including a \$20,000 item for rent. (The current expense for rent in the Winder Building is only \$6,000, although restoration of the building may force the staff into other offices, which would undoubtedly be more expensive.)

It now appears that the Domestic Council's appropriation will be cut by approximately \$80,000, and I am advised by Ken Cole that the cut precludes Domestic Council's funding of FPC.

Our problem is complicated by the likelihood of Congressional action requiring the White House to reimburse all agencies for the cost of detailing employees. OMB advises that this provision will be written into the White House authorization for FY 75, and that we must figure personnel costs in our budget. The FPC currently operates with a ten-person staff. While we are authorized a total of twelve, we can operate with less personnel. However, personnel costs will approximate \$200,000 during the fiscal year, bringing the total budget requirement to approximately \$270,000.

We cannot fund this program from a line agency. Our only option at this point is to obtain necessary funds from the White House appropriation.

I realize that this is an extraordinary request at this late date. However, if we cannot obtain the necessary funding from the White House, our only other options are to close FPC entirely or merge it into a line agency. In view of the tremendous success of the Legacy of Parks program as part of the Executive Office of the President, I believe it is well worth maintaining.

cc: General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
Honorable Donald Rumsfeld

Office of the White House Press Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE,

June 25, 1973

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FEDERAL PROPERTY COUNCIL

PROPOSED FY-75 BUDGET

I. FIXED COSTS

A. Telephone Service	\$ 4,900
B. Equipment Rental	11,300
C. Printing and Stationery	2,200
D. Postage	5,000
E. Office Supplies	3,600
F. Subscriptions, News Clippings	700
G. Special Mailing Services, etc.	<u>900</u>
Sub-Total:	\$ 28,600

II. VARIABLE COSTS

A. Travel	\$ 16,200
B. Graphics	11,500
C. Consultants	<u>3,600</u>
Sub-Total:	\$ 31,300

III. CONTINGENCIES

A. Office Rental	\$ 20,000
B. Final Report of Federal Property Council	<u>4,100</u>
Sub-Total:	\$ 24,100

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 84,000

Date: December 3, 1973

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 16, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: JERRY H. JONES

FROM: ROBERT D. LINDER *RDL*

I have reviewed Mrs. Armstrong's request for financial assistance from the White House Office to fund the Federal Property Council. She states that the requirements of the Council for FY 1975 are approximately \$270,000.

Unfortunately, this is far beyond any support we would be able to furnish. The budget for 1975 was developed along austere guidelines to minimize any increases over 1974. Transition expenses, including the addition of unbudgeted personnel on the White House staff, are already straining WHO resources. As much as we would like to help, I am afraid that the programs of the White House Office might be jeopardized if we commit ourselves to these additional expenses.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 15, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANNE ARMSTRONG

SUBJECT: Funding of Federal Property Council

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The FPC has always had difficulty obtaining the necessary funding. During FY 73, its operations were funded by the Cost of Living Council. In FY 74, funding of \$65,000 came from the President's Emergency Fund, with staff personnel detailed from other Departments and Agencies.

Earlier this year, General Haig determined that FPC funds for FY 75 should come from the Domestic Council budget. The funding level was set at approximately \$85,000 (budget attached), including a \$20,000 item for rent. (The current expense for rent in the Winder Building is only \$6,000, although restoration of the building may force the staff into other offices, which would undoubtedly be more expensive.)

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We cannot fund this program from a line agency. Our only option at this point is to obtain necessary funds from the White House appropriation.

I realize that this is an extraordinary request at this late date. However, if we cannot obtain the necessary funding from the White House, our only other options are to close FPC entirely or merge it into a line agency. In view of the tremendous success of the Legacy of Parks program as part of the Executive Office of the President, I believe it is well worth maintaining.

cc: General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
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Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSEEXECUTIVE ORDER11724

FEDERAL PROPERTY COUNCIL

By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 205(a) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 486(a)), and as President of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

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Sec. 7. This order shall be effective as of July 1, 1973.

RICHARD NIXON

THE WHITE HOUSE,

June 25, 1973

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FEDERAL PROPERTY COUNCIL

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Date: December 3, 1973

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 21, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. JERRY JONES

FROM: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS *BT*

SUBJECT: Armstrong Memo (8-16-74) re:
Funding of Federal Property Council

The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs in the attached proposal and has no additional recommendations.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: August 19, 1974

Time:

FOR ACTION: Roy Ash
Phil Buchen
Ken Cole
Dave Wimer
Bill Timmons

cc (for information):

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Wednesday, August 21, 1974

Time: 3:00 p. m.

SUBJECT:

Armstrong memo (8/16/74) re: Funding of Federal
Property Council.

ACTION REQUESTED:

___ For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

___ Prepare Agenda and Brief

___ Draft Reply

For Your Comments

___ Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a
delay in submitting the required material, please
telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

Jerry H. Jones
Staff Secretary

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FROM:

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