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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *by*.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1974

MR. PRESIDENT:

Secretary Kissinger promised
Ambassador Moynihan that he
would deliver this letter to you.
Don Rumsfeld has reviewed it
and asked that it be included
in your reading folder. Ken Cole
has been copied.

Jerry Jones
Jerry H. Jones
Staff Secretary

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AMBASSADOR OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NEW DELHI

October 30, 1974

Dear Mr. President:

The Secretary has offered to pass on this letter to you, which I am prompted to write by the report in today's Stars and Stripes that HEW has now completed work on a new Income Supplement Program -- what we used to call welfare reform -- and that you are considering proposing it in the State of the Union message.

You and I, of course, went round this track more than once on the Family Assistance Plan, which you, Wilbur Mills and John Byrnes twice got through the House. I continue to feel that this remains an opportunity for domestic progress of the first order and highest importance. I write only to say that I have kept a watching brief of sorts on the issue since leaving the White House four years ago, and I feel, if anything, more strongly about the subject today. Almost all of the conditions we were concerned about in 1969 have worsened as we had feared they would. Whether FAP, or any version of it, would fundamentally improve matters was not clear then and is not clear now. But the effort to change the system which President Nixon began must go forward, and it would be enormously heartening to see you take the leadership in trying.

Respectfully,

DPM

Daniel P. Moynihan

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

I Agree

*note: -
The "I agree" is Don Rumsfeld's.*