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12/11/74

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MRM
Talked to both

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Representative Edward Derwinski
Representative ~~LaMar Baker~~ **BOB MICHEL**

DATE: December 10, 1974

RECOMMENDED BY: Bill Timmons *BT* and Brent Scowcroft *B*

PURPOSE: To seek their support for the Foreign Assistance Act.

BACKGROUND: The Foreign Assistance Act will go to the floor of the House on Tuesday, December 10th. Passage in a form that will be acceptable will require mustering all available support for the bill in the House, and subsequently in Conference.

- TALKING POINTS:
1. (LaMar) ^{*Bob*} (~~La~~), you know that the Foreign Assistance Act will go to the floor today and that it will be a close vote. I need your help, and the help of all others in the House to get an acceptable bill.
 2. There are many advantages to the House version of the bill, as compared to the one passed by the Senate last week, but there are several aspects of the bill as it is now written that concern me -- and there is the strong possibility of other amendments being offered on the floor which would limit the effectiveness of the bill and which might be difficult to eliminate or modify in conference.
 3. I consider it most important to avoid placing ceilings on aid to each country in Southeast Asia. The Senate has imposed a ceiling of \$377 million

for Cambodia and a \$1,274.9 ceiling on Vietnam. The House version has no comparable provision. If the House should impose ceilings by amendment, we will have no chance to get them out in conference.

-- The Cambodia ceiling means that they will run out of ammunition and spare parts about March. The Communists will interpret this action as a U. S. decision to write off Cambodia, and any chance of a negotiated peace will be lost. In short, we will risk losing Cambodia.

-- The Vietnam ceiling restricts the economic support which we can provide to bring the Vietnamese closer to self-sufficiency, and away from dependence on us. This would pose a serious risk.

4. John Brademas may offer an amendment identical to the original Eagleton amendment cutting off military assistance and sales to Turkey. The Senate gave us additional time which we need, if we are to successfully influence the parties toward negotiation of the Cyprus dispute. Changes within the Turk Government and the Greek elections made earlier progress impossible. We are now in a position to move ahead again. We need your help to make this possible.

5. We need to be able to provide limited military assistance to Chile to support our own interests. In a pragmatic sense, aid to Chile counters Soviet intrusion in Peru, and gives us some political leverage to move in the human rights field. We do not like or condone the repressive acts of the Government there. We are exerting our influence to get them to change their ways. But cutting off aid would not help -- it will reduce our influence, not increase it.

6. We are aware of Don Fraser's concerns and his interest in limiting our aid to Korea as an expression of displeasure over Korea's policies on human rights. We have made a strong effort at compromise and believe we have reached agreement on an amendment that would provide minimally acceptable assistance funds for Korea. Thus, we can live with the Fraser amendment but would strongly resist any effort to further reduce these funds on the floor below the level in Fraser's amendment.

7. We have too many needs -- the Middle East and Indochina, humanitarian assistance and development assistance -- to continue legislative battles. We need your help in turning the tide against the Chile amendment, in resisting ceilings on our assistance to Vietnam, and in avoiding a cutoff of our aid to Turkey. Can I count on your support.

Date of
Submission:

ACTION: _____

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 11, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

WILLIAM E. TIMMONS
BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM:

JERRY T. JONES

Your telephone call recommendation for the President to call Representatives Derwinski and Michel has been reviewed and the following notation was made:

-- Talked to both.

cc: Don Rumsfeld