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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *h*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 21, 1974

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

From: William E. Timmons *W*

*Done*

TO: Rep. Leslie Arends (R-Ill)

DATE: Saturday, December 21, 1974

PURPOSE: Personal conversation at Arends' request.

BACKGROUND:

1. Arends first wanted to meet with the President before the Vail trip. When Saturday was scheduled, Les told Timmons it could be handled by telephone since he didn't want to take up the President's time.
2. Bill Walker talked to Arends about several positions: Board of Visitors of one of the Service academies, Pennsylvania Avenue Development Commission, etc. Les showed little interest in these.
3. Walker now has found a position he thinks fits Les' requirements. It is chairman of the Declassification Commission. This is a Presidential Board charged with studying the document security classification system and making recommendations. Arends would also be a Special Consultant to the President, with his own office, paid for those days actually employed. Walker believes this post is almost tailor-made for Arends with his Armed Services background.

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TALKING POINTS:

1. Les, now that Congress has adjourned are you happy to be through?
2. As you know, our personnel people say that you couldn't draw a government pension and serve at the same time on the Federal Elections Commission.
3. However, there is one position I need you in. It is Chairman of the Declassification Commission. If you're interested, I'll have Bill Walker put it together.
4. Merry Christmas to you and Betty.

ACTION TAKEN: \_\_\_\_\_