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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *OK*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *ML-6.*

The Congressional sentiment at today's meeting on the Judicial pay raise request by Chief Justice Burger can be expected to range from mildly sympathetic to very hostile.

We anticipate both Senator Mansfield and Tip O'Neill will be strongly opposed to such a request.

I am concerned that the Congressional leaders believe that this meeting was initiated by the President and that you are initiating the Judicial pay raise push.

A Judicial pay raise without a companion raise for Congress has no chance at all of passage and with the unemployment rate it is highly doubtful that Congress will face up to any federal pay raise during this session. Chief Justice Burger and his staff have been lobbying very hard for a Judicial pay raise and have gained some editorial support around the country but we see little evidence of any widespread support in the Congress.