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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: THE PRESIDENT
 THROUGH: THE STAFF SECRETARY
 FROM: ROLAND ELLIOTT *RE*
 SUBJECT: Incoming Presidential Mail for the
 Week of March 17-21, 1975

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Incoming Presidential mail this week again totalled about 20,000. Writers expressed concern over a wide range of issues, foreign and domestic.

The debate over emergency aid to Southeast Asia continued to draw public response (pro: 211; con: 864; comment: 61). Your statement on Arab ethnic discrimination received substantial support (161 pieces), as did aid to Soviet Jews (871 pieces) and food aid for developing nations (290 pieces). Also, in response to a column in the Chicago Tribune, there were 523 telegrams and letters urging that you retain diplomatic recognition of the Baltic Nations.

Economic mail accounted for 1,129 pieces. The dominant concern continues to be expressed by people describing themselves as "middle class." They protest Congressional tax changes that would further squeeze them in order to provide greater benefits to the poor, the rich, and big business. Concern was also expressed over wasteful government spending.

On environmental issues, writers protested the transfer of U.S. fish and wildlife game and wildlife ranges to the BLM (451 pieces), supported continuation of the ban on predator poisons (252 pieces), and urged enforcement of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (94 pieces).

Other current mail topics include:

1. Hunger in America (595 pieces);
2. Continued subsidies for military commissaries (613 pieces);
3. Favor emergency funding for the Rock Island Railroad (282 pieces);
4. Against Federal gun control regulations (299 pieces);
5. Favor Federal ammunition control regulations (165 pieces);
6. Urging you to veto the Strip-Mining Bill (440 pieces, primarily from mine workers or their families).

cc: Paul Theis

Three copy of original
+ typed copy to Bill
Schickman + Bob H +
Paul T.

307 Skylark
Pasadena, Texas
11 February, 1975

President Ford
The White House
Washington D. C.

Mr. Ford:

In a very few words, Sir - I would like to get something off my chest. I'm a family man (4 children); medium income (approx. \$14,000/yr); paying to and am supporting about enough government that I can stand.

If the company that I work for was being run like our government, I'm afraid that most of us would be fired tomorrow morning. You people "up there" are being very well paid to do a job for us; personally I think - and all my associates are in concert - that the middle class is being "taken to the cleaners." All of us work very hard to hold our proud families and country together. We are doing this; and our fathers did it before us. We the people of the United State of America are not going to stand by and allow a few to "sell us out."

You, or someone, had better inform that Senate and House of Representatives (both Democrats and Republicans) to stop acting like a bunch of school kids and get to work toward one common cause. I for one am tired of this whole "whitewash." Sir, if that office of yours still has any power left - put a stop to all this massive handout; tell the lazy to go to work; inform the other countries of this world to earn their worth; tell the do gooders, the indolent and the liberals the gravey-train has run out of gas and is being sold for scrap.

Sir, with all due respect to both of us and our families and our countrymen, lets chop the dead-wood and declare to the World that this United States didn't get to where it is today by being soft and inefficient.

This is my opinion; I don't like or want Welfare. "We are going broke saving money." Signed: Doing More than my part. Paul Love
R.S.V.P.

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I wish you would!

Paul Love
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