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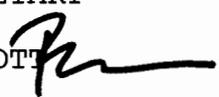
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 4, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: THE PRESIDENT
THROUGH: THE STAFF SECRETARY
FROM: ROLAND L. ELLIOTT 
SUBJECT: Incoming Presidential Mail for
the Week of March 31-April 4, 1975

Incoming Presidential mail for the week totaled approximately 23,000 pieces. The tax bill and Vietnam drew the heaviest comment.

The cumulative total of tax bill mail to date is:

Pro:	545
Con:	2,362
Comment:	56

Mail specifically addressed to your televised signing of the bill ran to 569 pieces. Those in support (171) expressed congratulations and/or thanks for your efforts to revive the economy. Many said that you did the best you could in a bad situation, that Congress was not cooperative, and that you are right to remain concerned about inflation. Those opposed to the signing (345) expressed greatest concern over its inflationary impact. Many also expressed the belief that this bill reflected a failure of leadership and a victory of political expediency over the national interest.

The question of aid to Southeast Asia continued to draw attention (pro: 700; con: 675; comment: 565). Strong concern was expressed for Vietnamese refugees (220 pieces) and especially for the orphans (952 pieces). You were urged to cut red tape and bring the children to this country "before it is too late." Many writers expressed interest in adopting a Vietnamese child.

Comment on your reassessment of Middle East policy continued heavy (2,014 pieces), and largely in support of a strong American commitment to Israel (1,800 pieces).

Other mail addressed a variety of issues, including:

- (1) Economic and energy problems (721);
- (2) Support for subsidies to Military Commissaries (995);
- (3) Opposition to the Strip-Mining Bill (560);
- (4) Enforcement of environmental regulations (368);
- (5) Support for a National Visitors Park at Vincennes, Ind. (426);
- (6) Opposition to Federal gun and ammunition controls (235);
- (7) Nomination of Governor Hathaway to be Interior Secretary (pro: 204; con: 373).

cc: Paul Theis

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