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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *dsj.*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DON RUMSFELD
JACK MARSH *jm*

FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF *M. G.*

PRM

I got a second call this afternoon from Senator Helms regarding the appointment of Secretary Butz to head the U.S. delegation to the Chiang Kai shek funeral. He wanted to reiterate his firm conviction that someone higher on the protocol list than Secretary Butz be named to head the delegation. He has received a second phone call from Taipei from his Legislative Assistant who is presently in Taiwan.

He had a visit this morning also with the Rev. Billy Graham and Senator Helms states that Dr. Graham is very disturbed about the matter. Graham is supposedly going to call you today to express his concern. Helms suggested that perhaps Secretary Schlesinger might go in lieu of Secretary Butz.

He expressed concern that his recommendation had not been acted on and asked that I again pass his views on through channels to the President.

Prior to the leadership meeting this afternoon Senator Thurmond also expressed his view that Secretary Butz was not a good choice to head the delegation to Taiwan.

Our Senate liaison office received a call this afternoon from Senator Fong who also questioned the appointment of Butz.