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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 10, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF

SUBJECT: Congressional Mail

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MRJ

For your information, I am attaching the log of Congressional mail received on April 9.

This mail is being handled routinely by my office.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

House

1. Edwin Eshleman Sends the President a composite of the Masonic Presidents which was prepared for President Ford by Mr. C. Irvin Miller who excels in reverse painting on glass.
2. Harold Johnson In behalf of his constituents, ask that the President call for the White House Conference on Library and Information Services, since it is felt that considerable time is needed for the preliminary regional and states conferences prior to the conference being held in 1978.
3. Bill Chappell Assures the President that he will continue to receive the Congressman's strong support for the needed assistance for South Vietnam and Cambodia.
4. Carl Perkins Understands that Tom Gish is under consideration for the position of Director of the Tennessee Valley Authority; Congressman highly approves.
5. James A. Burke Recommends that Charles Chaplin be appointed to the U. S. Court of Military Appeals.
6. John Duncan ? Upset about news reports that James F. Hooper will be named to the Tennessee Valley Authority Board of Directors; complains that he wasn't consulted and feels that he should have been since the TVA headquarters is located in his Congressional District.
7. Berkley Bedell Believes that we should begin the orderly evacuation of the 6,000 Americans who are still in South Vietnam while the risk to their lives and safety is minimal. (Letter is dated April 5.)
8. Manuel Lujan Supports resolution which he understands the President received from the national conference which was held in Austin, Texas, last month and was attended by agencies from several states dealing with Economic Development.

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9. Donald Mitchell Hopes the President will accept invitation to speak at the National Small Business Advisory Council's annual meeting which is scheduled for May 27 and 28 at Greenbriar, West Virginia.
10. Bill Hefner Endorses Risdan T. Bennett for a position with the National Security Council.
11. John Myers Recommends that James E. Faris be appointed to the National Commission on Electronic Funds Transfer.
12. Teno Roncalio Commends President on appointment of former Congressman Henry Smith to the position of Chairman of the U. S. Section of the International Joint Commission, United States-Canada; hopes the President is planning a trip to Jackson Hole in August.
13. Harold Johnson (Letter is dated April 2.) Appreciated the President inviting him to join the group in the visit to the Geothermal Steam Plant; had made a commitment to Vice President Rockefeller to attend the Nat'l Commission on Water Quality meeting on Apr 3 and 4.
14. Lester Wolff Conveys the interest of Dr. Leonard Milton in representing the People-to-People Sports Committee as a member of the Presidential Commission on Olympic Sports.

Senate

1. S Harry F. Byrd Hopes the President will accept invitation extended to him by the President of the Virginia State Bar Association to speak at its prayer breakfast on June 22.
2. S Edward Brooke Has high hopes that the President's address to the Congress will encourage the re-emergence of a bipartisan foreign policy that can elicit the respect and support of the American people. Reports on his recent trip to Portugal; the situation in Portugal and its effect on the U. S. and NATO in general is very complex; believes there exists a danger that we may overreact to the movement to the left in Portugal, thus accelerating rather than inhibiting a Communist takeover in that country.
3. S Robert Griffin Hopes the President will accept the invitation to speak at the Central Michigan University's commencement exercises on May 17 and accept the honorary degree of Doctor of Public Service.
4. S Richard Stone Recommends that Earl B. Hadlow be appointed to the National Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors when a vacancy occurs.
5. S Frank E. Moss Recommends that Dr. Clifford Lord be appointed as Librarian of Congress.
6. S Edmund Muskie Recommends that Melvin S. Day be appointed as Librarian of Congress.
7. S Robert Taft Recommends that Dr. Dominic J. Guzzetta be reappointed to the National Council on Educational Research of the National Institute of Education.
8. S Ted Stevens Asks that consideration be given to enclosed letter addressed to the President from Major Robert E. Hickey requesting assistance in obtaining permission to take the Alaskan Civil Air Patrol cadets to the Peoples Republic of China.

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- 9.S Frank Church Says that yesterday some of the requested material was turned over to the Senate Select Committee studying CIA activities, and that other documents were shown at the White House to the Committee's staff director and chief counsel; says that what remains, however, is to make the most vital portions of the initial request actually available for the Committee's use. "With the recognition of the Committee's right to review the documents requested, and with the initial organizational problems resolved, I have been asked by the Committee to express the hope that the remainder of the documents requested will be promptly turned over. . . ."
- 10.S Howard Baker
Bill Brock Concerned about the Administration's new Surface Transportation legislation which they understand will be sent to the Congress soon; if enacted into law, the provisions proposed by the Department of Transportation would require the State of Tennessee to reclassify transportation property as commercial and industrial property, resulting in a lower assessment and a decrease in taxes paid by transportation carriers to local units of government within the State.
- 11.S Milton Young Expresses strong opposition to a proposal of the REA to terminate the insured loan program for REA borrowers. Says "It hardly seems consistent to me that the Administration would favor certain incentives for the private power companies to expand their generating capacity to meet the nation's needs and in the same breath arbitrarily force the smaller consumer-owned electric cooperatives into an untenable financial situation."
- 12.S Mike Gravel Recommends that Maryan E. Reynolds be appointed to the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science.
- 13.S Sam Nunn Recommends that Carroll V. Kroeger be appointed as Director of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

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14. S Walter Mondale
Russell B. Long
Hubert H. Humphrey
Richard Stone
Harrison Williams
Dick Clark
Birch Bayh
Frank E. Moss
Warren Magnuson
Alan Cranston
Floyd K. Haskell
Claiborne Pell
James Abourezk
Philip A. Hart
Edmund S. Muskie
Wm Proxmire
Charles McC. Mathias
John C. Culver
William D. Hathaway
Vance Hartke
- Urge the President to declare his willingness to use the authority under Section 212 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to aid not just orphans, but all Vietnamese who may face reprisals for their association with the U. S. Hope that the President will use his influence to persuade other governments to offer asylum to refugees; feel that in this urgent matter of human survival, there is not time for delay or indecision.
15. S Ted Stevens
- Recommends that Douglas B. Baily be appointed as a member of the Commission on Wiretapping.
16. S Ted Stevens
- Recommends that Maryan E. Reynolds be appointed to the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science.
17. S Bob Dole
- Recommends that Ross H. Copeland be appointed to the President's Committee on Mental Retardation.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 10, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF
FROM: JERRY H. JONES
SUBJECT: Congressional Mail
(April 9, 1975)

Your memorandum to the President of April 10 on the above subject has been reviewed and the following notation was made:

6. John Duncan -- ?

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JERRY H. JONES

THRU: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *MF.*
VERN LOEN *VL*

FROM: DOUGLAS P. BENNETT *DB*

SUBJECT: Rep. John J. Duncan

When I saw Congressman Duncan's letter of April 8, I discussed the matter with him explaining that the President has not officially announced Hooper's appointment since clearances had not been completed. Hence, the White House could neither confirm nor deny officially Hooper's candidacy.

He understood the situation.

JOHN J. DUNCAN
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Handwritten: Appointment
TVA

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

April 8, 1975

Handwritten: copy
MF

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am attaching hereto an article which appeared recently in the Knoxville News-Sentinel which indicates that Mr. James F. Hooper from Mississippi will be named to the Tennessee Valley Authority Board of Directors.

This article and subsequent articles on this subject have been a source of embarrassment to me in view of the fact that the TVA headquarters is located in my Congressional district. Inquiries have come to my office concerning this appointment, and all I have been able to say is that I know nothing about it whatsoever. It is difficult to explain this in view of the fact that in the past, appointments of this nature have at least been discussed with the Member who represents the district. I certainly hope that this is still the policy of your administration. I have never met Mr. Hooper, and the first time I ever heard of him was when his name was mentioned in the newspaper.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of John J. Duncan
JOHN J. DUNCAN
Member of Congress

JJD/slc
Enclosure