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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 11, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: THE STAFF SECRETARY

FROM: ROLAND L. ELLIOTT

SUBJECT: Incoming Presidential Mail
for Week of April 7-11, 1975

Incoming Presidential mail this week totalled approximately 24,000 pieces. The majority of it focused on foreign policy issues.

Initial reaction to your State of the World Address was heavy:

PRO: 667

CON: 1,712

COMMENT: 188

Virtually all this mail, however, expressed support for your request for humanitarian aid to the peoples of Indochina.

Mail received before your speech concentrated heavily on the question of military aid to Southeast Asia (pro: 780; con: 1,098; comment: 179) and urged humanitarian assistance for the refugees (528) and orphaned children especially (2,062).

Concern over your announced reassessment of US policy in the Middle East also continued strong (1,520 pieces), and heavily in support of Israel (1,457 pieces).

Of national issues, economic and energy problems drew the greatest attention (666 pieces). Specific comment on your signing of the tax cut bill was divided: pro: 70; con: 132; comment: 52.

Other domestic issues drawing comment were:

- (1) Strip-Mining Bill: pro: 49; con: 323;
- (2) Federal gun and ammunition controls: con: 262;
- (3) Continued subsidies for Military Commissaries: pro: 403;
- (4) Suspension of Davis-Bacon Act: pro: 63;
- (5) Enforcement of environmental controls: pro: 232;
- (6) Proposed Consumer Protection Agency: con: 110;
- (7) Nomination of Governor Hathaway to be Secretary of Interior: pro: 132; con: 367.

cc: Paul Theis