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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 30, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M.L.*

SUBJECT: Letter from Senator Paul J. Fannin

Pursuant to a recent telephone conversation you had with the Senator, he has provided you with a list of names and qualifications of trade representatives from other countries with whom our Special Trade Representative and deputies will be dealing during the Geneva negotiations.

A routine acknowledgment, over my signature, has been sent to the Senator in which I indicated I would make certain you received this information without delay.

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

April 29, 1975

*Walker nomination
and
Yeutter nomination*

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

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The opportunity to talk with you on the telephone regarding the strip mining bill and the William Walker nomination was appreciated.

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In accordance with our conversation, I am enclosing a list of names and qualifications of trade representatives from other countries with whom our Special Trade Representative and deputies will be dealing. On reviewing the credentials of these trade negotiators, it is my hope that you will understand why I am opposed to this nomination.

My conviction, which is shared by other members of the Finance Committee, is that the Office of the Special Trade Representative for Trade Negotiations must be led by highly qualified individuals. It appears essential to me that both the Special Trade Representative and the two deputies must have a working knowledge of our foreign trade laws as well as experience in negotiating with foreign nations.

The negotiations which have commenced in Geneva are projected to continue for as long as five years. Our negotiating team must be prepared to begin immediately to tackle the difficult procedural and substantive questions before the conference. It would be a disservice to the American people to confirm any individual as deputy if he required extensive on-the-job training.

I might add that every Senator who has been to Geneva concurs that presently we do not have topflight people to face the very able negotiators fielded by the foreign countries in attendance. Ambassador Dent was an excellent choice as Special Trade Representative, and I commend you for your nomination of Clayton Yeutter as deputy. Mr. Yeutter's experience in complex negotiations with foreign nations in agricultural matters will make him an invaluable asset to our negotiating team. Despite his

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consummate abilities, the Ambassador needs that kind of experienced assistance from his deputies. Bill Walker is simply not in a position to provide that assistance.

My very best personal regards.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul Fannin".

Paul Fannin
United States Senator

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