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Called to
John Lyman
on May 12th
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Don R

This must be
brought under control.

To Jim Lynn
via S.S.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

Paul

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 5 , 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DONALD RUMSFELD

FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR 

Jim Lynn suggested that an item which ought to be discussed at one of the Cabinet meetings was the failure of Administration officials publicly to support the President's programs. I asked him for examples, and I enclose a paper which he has prepared which shows the President's position and statements of various Administration officials deviating substantially from and sometimes opposing the President's position.

Let me know if you think it would be useful to bring these items to the President's attention, perhaps as backup for a future Cabinet agenda item.

Encl.

cc: Dick Cheney with enclosure

SUBJECT: Land Use

PRESIDENT'S POSITION

The President has decided to oppose passage of Senator Jackson's bill on Federal land use planning.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL'S STATEMENT

(From UP Wire Service 4-23-75)

Interior Secretary Rogers Morton said today he disagrees with President Ford's decision to oppose passage of Federal land use planning legislation.

Morton, testifying before a Senate Environment and Land Resources Subcommittee, said the President's opposition stems from a concern the bill would be too costly in light of the projected \$60 billion Federal budget deficit.

"I am doing everything I can to get the administration policy on this changed," said Morton under questioning.

"My problem," he told Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., "is that it's administration policy based on cost."

Key sections of the land use bill would provide federal money to establish state land planning agencies, review existing state and local planning programs and make a complete and accurate description of resources and land capabilities.

Jackson asked how Morton, a pioneer in the field of land use management, could support a companion bill calling for long-range energy facility planning and development but oppose a comprehensive land use measure.

Jackson said a sound energy resource policy and a land management system are inseparable. "Our society is a little too complex to be able to single shot it," Jackson said.

"I couldn't agree with you more," said Morton, adding "I'm bound by the deficit problem."

The Interior Secretary said the administration is supporting the energy facility bill because it relates to the Nation's overall efforts to become energy independent and is, therefore, exempt from Ford's moratorium on new spending programs.

Although he personally feels "you can't have a good energy policy without a good land use policy," Morton said he has not yet been able to convince Ford the land use bill is energy related.

SUBJECT: Community Services Administration (formerly OEO)

PRESIDENT'S POSITION

The President is considering reorganizing the Community Services Administration (CSA) and has asked that a proposal to move it into HEW be prepared for his review.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL'S STATEMENT

Before the National Congress for Economic Development CSA Director Bert Gallegos stated the following:

A plan to transfer CSA to HEW and the Economic Development program to the Department of Commerce is now being drafted for Presidential consideration. But there is no word on when such a plan will be completed. Or if it will be. Or when it will be submitted to the Congress. Or whether it ever will be.

I have said on numerous occasions, in public and before Congressional committees, that I would prefer that the Community Services Administration remain an independent agency. I have also said that I could live with an agency transferred to HEW. But if I had a choice it would be to remain just as we are.

Apparently, I have a lot of company in that preference. Everywhere I go and everyone I talk to, on Capitol Hill, throughout the country, declare themselves in favor of an independent CSA. And I think the sentiment is growing. It is bound to have an impact on the ultimate outcome of the matter.

SUBJECT: Mental Health Training Subsidies

PRESIDENT'S POSITION:

The President has proposed a rescission of \$7.4 million in child mental health research and training.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL'S STATEMENT

In testimony on February 20, 1975, Dr. Bertram Brown, Director of the National Institute of Mental Health, responded in the following manner to a question from Congressman Conte:

Dr. Brown. Under the full appropriation level, a total of \$43 million would be earmarked for research and training in the child mental health area. This amount would be reduced by \$7.4 million under the rescission-level budget, with the bulk of the cut in training. The level of funding for service grants under the Community Mental Health Centers Act would remain unchanged at \$26.8 million, since authorization for this program has expired and the funds provided cover only continuation awards. Training and research efforts related to the problems of aging would be reduced from the present level of \$3 million to \$2.4 million under the rescission. This would clearly impede the momentum in child mental health, which is our No. 1 priority and similarly reduce our efforts in the critically important area of aging.

Aide on Aging Not Told Of Curb on Benefits

Wash. Post

United Press International

The administration's top official on aging told Congress yesterday he was not consulted about President Ford's proposed 5 per cent ceiling on increased Social Security benefits.

The proposal would affect more than 30 million older Americans, reducing the monthly benefit increases scheduled to take effect in July.

Mr Ford made the proposal in his fiscal 1976 budget, but Arthur S. Flemming, commissioner of the Administration on Aging, told a Senate hearing that he was not involved in the decision.

It was "made and announced before I was aware of the fact it was even under consideration," Flemming said in response to a question by Sen. Thomas F. Eagleton (D-Mo.), and he told UPI after the hearing. "I would have opposed it."

The 5 per cent ceiling has little chance of taking effect. Congress has made no attempt to approve it, but in fact has approved an additional \$50 each for persons on Social Security through the recently enacted tax bill.

In the absence of a 5 per

cent ceiling, monthly benefits for the aged are expected to increase by 8.1 per cent in July. The official size of the increase is to be announced next week.

Flemming's immediate superior, Stanley Thomas, assistant secretary for human development at the Health, Education and Welfare Department, refused after the hearing to say why Flemming was not consulted.

SUBJECT: Social Security Benefits

PRESIDENT'S POSITION:

In his FY 1976 budget, The President proposed a 5% ceiling on increased Social Security benefits.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL'S STATEMENT:

SUBJECT: Extension of the Older American's Act

PRESIDENT's POSITION

The Administration strongly opposes H.R. 3922 which has excessive appropriation authorizations of \$2.2 billion.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL's STATEMENT

In a letter to Congressman Quie (attached) on this legislation, Arthur Flemming, Commissioner on Aging, fails to mention the bill's most objectionable features.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

Office of Human Development
Administration on Aging

MAR 11 1975

Honorable Albert H. Quie
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Al:

I appreciated having the opportunity of talking with you yesterday about certain issues involved in the consideration of the extension of the Older Americans Act.

In conformity with your request, I am providing you with my views on the following issues:

1. Transfer of Foster Grandparents and RSVP Programs from ACTION to the Administration on Aging. As you know it has been the Administration's position that these programs should remain in ACTION. I support that position.
2. Providing Authorizations for Certain Specific Programs of Services to Older Persons. Title III authorizes expenditures for the services identified in the draft bill. I recognize that from time to time Congress may decide that it is wise to earmark sums of money for specific programs which they believe should be provided in all States and Area Agencies. This can be done by specifying that a given percentage of funds allocated to the States under Title III appropriations should be used for such service or services. Under these circumstances we would require that State Plans follow these specifications before we would approve the plans.

In response to your specific inquiry States and Area Agencies on Aging do have the authority to spend funds for legal services from funds appropriated under Title III.

3. Prohibition of Discrimination by Reason of Age. As you know, I feel this is one of the most serious problems confronting us in the field of aging. I have read the memorandum from the Justice Department which you furnished me. Under the circumstances I think it would be wise for the Congress to authorize and direct the Federal Council on Aging to study this issue and report back to the Congress, with recommendations, by a given date.

We all appreciate your help and assistance.

Very sincerely and cordially yours,



Arthur S. Flemming
Commissioner on Aging

SUBJECT: Corps of Engineers Testimony on the President's
FY 1976 budget before the House Appropriations
Subcommittee on Public Works

PRESIDENT'S POSITION

The President deferred from 1975 to 1976, funds for Public Works construction

ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL'S STATEMENT

General Gribble, Chief of Engineers; Department of the Army, while testifying on the 1976 Budget before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Public Works, February 25, 1975, told the subcommittee that the Corps was beginning to run out of funds to finance some continuing on-going contracts. This was more than a week before OMB was apprised that there was a problem. Subsequent staff analysis indicated that it was much less severe than indicated by the General. The manner in which the General answered probably contributed to the later over turn of the public works deferral on March 12.