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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 14, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH
MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM:

JERRY H. JONES

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "JH Jones", is written over the typed name "JERRY H. JONES". The signature is somewhat stylized and includes a large loop.

The attached was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

-- Returned.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Jack M / Box 7

returned

TALKING POINTS DIRECTED TO CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM WAMPLER

Leadership Role: Congressman Wampler has been ranking Republican on the House Committee on Agriculture since the unfortunate death of Congressman Teague (Calif.) in January 1974. As ranking minority member, Congressman Wampler has a leadership role which sets him apart from the rank and file member. The Administration and the Republican Congressional leadership have an obligation to the Nation to pursue sound economic policies. While the aim of H. R. 4296 may be laudable, its results would be costly, not only to consumers and taxpayers, but to American farmers in the long run.

House and Senate conferees on Friday did not see fit to include any monies in the budget resolution for a new farm bill. The additional \$1.8 billion in outlays in FY 1976 is totally unacceptable and most certainly not in the best national interest.

Dairy provisions: Congressman Wampler's district produces very little feed grain, cotton or wheat, the commodities principally affected by H. R. 4296. Virginia's 9th district is primarily a tobacco and dairy region. The increase provided for dairy price supports is extremely modest and could be more than offset by increases in feed costs.

The Secretary of Agriculture has the authority to review and raise dairy price supports more frequently than the annual adjustment mandated by law. Secretary Butz has informed Congressman Wampler of his intention to conduct a semi-annual review of the dairy price support situation and make adjustments, if necessary, to insure an adequate supply of milk as defined by law.

TALKING POINTS DIRECTED TO CONGRESSMAN JOHN MYERS, INDIANA:

The debate on the so-called "Emergency Farm Bill" has become increasingly more political and less substantive. The support prices embodied in the bill were the result of agreements reached in a caucus of House Agriculture Committee Democrats. Republican Committee Members were not advised of the levels until after the agreement had been struck. Rule by caucus is no way for farm policy or any other policy to be formulated.

The economics of the bill are bad, both for the consumer and taxpayer who must pay the bill; and the farmer who must operate for years under the misguided policies formulated.

The interest of farmers and the Nation, at large, can best be advanced by holding the line on additional budget expenditures. Farmers need continued open access to foreign markets, not increased Federal aid. If unforeseen price deterioration requires action on the President's part, the Secretary of Agriculture will be directed to adjust price support loan rates on feedgrains, wheat and soybeans.