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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 2, 1975

MR PRESIDENT:

The attached memo was
staffed to Messrs. Cannon and Marsh.
They both concur in Jim Lynn's
recommendation.

Jim Connor



[7/3/75]



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

JUN 28 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Approval of bed levels for the Augusta,
Georgia Veterans Hospital

Included in the 1976 budget were additional construction funds for a replacement Veterans Hospital in Augusta, Georgia. President Nixon authorized the Augusta replacement hospital in April 1973, which you confirmed through your approval of the project in the 1976 budget. Your authorization of the specific bed levels of the replacement project is also required by law (38 U.S.C. 5001).

The Veterans Administration has requested authorization of 390 medical and surgical beds plus 30 psychiatric beds, to be provided by new construction to replace the Forest Hills Division of the Augusta VA Hospital. The VA has agreed that upon completion of the 420-bed replacement for the Forest Hills Division, it will decrease the bed level in the Lenwood Division of the Augusta Hospital. Thus, the Augusta Veterans Hospital total bed level will be reduced from the 1,263 beds currently authorized to 1,120 beds upon completion.

We recommend that you authorize the level of beds requested by the Veterans Administration for the Augusta replacement. Should you agree, we also recommend that VA be directed to make every effort to keep the cost of this replacement within the \$57.5 million currently approved.


James T. Lynn
Director




Approve

Disapprove

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 3, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES T. LYNN
FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR 
SUBJECT: Bed Levels for the Augusta, Georgia
Veterans Hospital

The President has reviewed your memorandum of June 29th on the above subject and approved the level of beds requested by the Veterans Administration for the Augusta replacement.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

