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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 6, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CANNON
FROM: JIM CONNOR *JEB*
SUBJECT: Food Stamps Decision

Confirming phone call to your office this morning, the President reviewed your memorandum of October 3 and approved the following:

"Also issue a Presidential statement"

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DECISION

October 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: JIM CANNON *Jac*
SUBJECT: Food Stamps Decision

We have made an initial review of the McGovern-Dole food stamp proposal. While their income eligibility cut off level, \$7900, is close to the \$7680 level which is the cut off level of Option I in the decision memorandum before you, our preliminary analysis shows that:

- McGovern-Dole proposal increases total costs by \$900 million over present costs.
- Option I reduces costs approximately \$600 million from present levels.
- All of the other options before you also reduce costs and caseloads.

I, therefore, continue to recommend Option I as the best course of action.

The Administration's position is to be articulated in USDA testimony before the Senate Agriculture Committee. If you so desire we can also prepare a Presidential statement to be issued in addition to the USDA testimony.

 / USDA Testimony will be sufficient

 MEJ Also issue a Presidential statement

 Other