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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 10, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CANNON

FROM:

JIM CONNOR 

SUBJECT:

Proposed Presidential Statement  
Announcing the Report of the  
Domestic Council Drug Abuse  
Task Force

Confirming a phone call to your office this morning, the President has approved the release of a statement on the White Paper on Drug Abuse.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.....

THE WHITE HOUSE


ACTION

WASHINGTON

October 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JIM CANNON 

SUBJECT:

Proposed Presidential Statement  
Announcing the Report of the  
Domestic Council Drug Abuse Task Force

The Domestic Council Drug Abuse Task Force has prepared a comprehensive "White Paper on Drug Abuse," a copy of which I transmitted to you earlier this week.

The White Paper has generated considerable Congressional and media interest.

We would like to make the White Paper available to the press tomorrow, embargoed for the Sunday a.m. papers.

Attached is a proposed Presidential statement for your review. It has been cleared by Phil Buchen, Robert T. Hartmann, Jack Marsh, Max Friedersdorf, OMB (Jura), General Scowcroft and Paul Theis.



Approve

\_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove



PROPOSED STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT CONCERNING  
THE WHITE PAPER ON DRUG ABUSE

During the last six months the Domestic Council has conducted an intensive review of the drug abuse problem in the United States. I directed this review because I was concerned about reports of increasing availability and use of drugs. Specifically, I wanted to know the extent and nature of drug abuse in this country and the effectiveness of our current programs in responding to this serious problem.

The Domestic Council Drug Abuse Task Force has completed its review and has prepared a "White Paper on Drug Abuse" for my consideration. I am grateful to the Vice President, the members of the task force and to the many others from inside and outside of government who offered advice and counsel in the preparation of this report.

Drug abuse is a problem of deep personal concern to me and one which requires a careful but forceful policy both at home and abroad. We have completed an important first step. Now we must continue the vital process of communication and analysis which has begun.

In order to assure prompt implementation of this report, I am directing each Federal agency with direct program responsibility to analyze and respond to the White Paper within the next 60 days. I am also directing that the report be released to help refocus the current public dialogue on drug abuse.

This Administration is firmly committed to improving the quality of life for all Americans. Clearly drug abuse has no place in our society. I believe the White Paper outlines in realistic terms the drug abuse problem this nation faces and presents for my consideration comprehensive recommendations for ways in which the Federal government, working with state and local governments, and the private sector, can control drug abuse.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

10/10

Called Cavanaugh this a. m. --  
he said to hold, that they would  
probably not release until  
Monday -- that he and Jones  
were working on it.

~~Xxxx~~ Sara

10/13

Now thinking about  
doing Wednesday

copy to Bob Linder -  
planning to go tomorrow  
Chaired ~~now~~ going 10/14.