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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 10, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM:

JIM CONNOR

The attached was returned in the President's outbox and is forwarded to you for appropriate handling and response.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

Attachment -

Letter from Mike Mansfield  
re Daniel E. Leach

United States Senate  
Office of the Majority Leader  
Washington, D.C. 20510

October 9, 1975

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

As you know, there is a Democratic vacancy on the Interstate Commerce Commission due to a retirement. May I make a personal request of you that Mr. Daniel E. Leach be appointed by you to fill this vacancy.

Mr. Leach has served as my counsel and counsel to the Senate Leadership for nearly ten years. He has filled this position with the deepest dedication and with outstanding competence. He has my utmost faith, trust and confidence. For this position on the ICC he has my unqualified support and I strongly urge that he be appointed.

Mr. Leach is originally from your home state of Michigan. Prior to his coming to the Senate in 1966, he served as an attorney with the Department of Justice trying lawsuits involving the government's water transportation and shipping interests--actions relating to contracts, rates, accidents and the full spectrum of matters falling within the maritime jurisdiction. He also was affiliated with a Detroit law firm which represented a variety of problems related to motor carrier interests.

As counsel to the Leadership, he has mastered the substance of virtually all major public issues raised in the last decade, written extensively and provided the principal liaison between the Leadership and all Senate committees, Senate offices and the various groups and organizations interested in legislation. Additionally, he has served as a professor of law on the faculties of both Denver University and the Catholic University of America. He graduated among the highest level in his classes at law school and college, having been awarded an LL.M. by Georgetown University in 1963, an LL.B. by the Detroit College of Law in 1961 and a B.A. by Colgate University in 1958. Among other organizations, he is a member of the D. C. Bar and the Michigan Bar.

The President

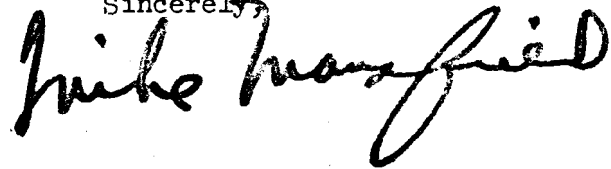
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I know, too, that Mr. Leach is committed fully to your quest for regulatory reform to the end that the transportation industry in this nation can better serve the interests of producers, shippers, carriers and consumers. It is my judgment that he will be a strong ally in this endeavor.

I urge most respectfully, therefore, that you nominate Daniel E. Leach to fill this vacancy on the Interstate Commerce Commission. He has my full confidence and respect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mike Mansfield". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 10, 1975

JIM CONNOR

This came out of the President's  
outbox on Mike Mansfield.

Don Rumsfeld 

*Please  
handle*