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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 14, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM:

JIM CONNOR

The attached was returned in the President's outbox with the request that it be sent to you.

According to Vern Loen, this letter was handed to the President by Bud Brown. The signed original will be forwarded later.

cc: Dick Cheney

Attachment:

Letter from Albert H. Quie
re Energy Bill

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dick Cheney / M at 7.

It's from Al Bond.

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November 13, 1975

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In the paper this morning, I read that the conferees have reached an agreement on the energy bill, and Frank Zarb is going to recommend that you sign the bill.

Early this year, I personally had some reservations about your energy program. In the meantime, though, I have studied all I can and have come to the conclusion you are right. I have taken the message home to my constituents and judging from their responses, a large majority of them also concludes that you are right.

It is my understanding that the bill emerging from conference provides a rollback in domestic crude oil prices. The prices then will be permitted to creep up over a 40-month period. It will take two years, at least, for the prices to reach the present composite level and possibly longer. If that occurs, it seems obvious to me that there will not be an automatic decontrol after 40 months, but rather another extension of the controls program.

This could only force our nation to become even more dependent on foreign oil. Since I am convinced, and I have convinced my constituents that any new energy program must bring about three changes--less dependence on foreign oil, increased production of domestic oil, and conservation of petroleum products--the bill coming out of conference is hardly a viable alternative.

With every good wish, I am

Respectfully yours,,

ALBERT H. QUIE
Member of Congress

AHQ/mcb

cc: Frank Zarb