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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 28, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: L. WILLIAM SEIDMAN
FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR
SUBJECT: Withholding Rate Strategy

Confirming a phone call to your office this afternoon, the President has reviewed your memorandum of November 25th on the above subject and has approved Option 2:

"Approve Treasury issuing a press release alerting employers and the public that unless Congress acts, increased rates will take effect January 1. Issue a White House statement warning of the consequences of inaction and reiterating the need for a spending ceiling."

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 26, 1975

MR PRESIDENT:

Staffing of the attached memorandum resulted in the following:

Option 2 - Recommended by Messrs. Cannon, Hartmann and Marsh with following comments:

Jim Cannon - "Assuming that we are absolutely certain to veto any tax cut which does not have a spending lid, we would concur with EPB and Friedersdorf on Option 2."

Jack Marsh - "I am inclined to Option 2; however, I think the Treasury announcement should contain something about the President's proposal, otherwise it gives the impression the Administration is calling for Congressional action for a straight extension."

Option 3 - Recommended by Phil Buchen with following comments:

"Option 3 would make the President look more reasonable. The obvious reason for Option 2 is to create the appearance of pressure on Congress and doubt that we should address that judgment."

Jim Connor