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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 2, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF
FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR
SUBJECT: Congressional Mail

The President has reviewed your memorandum of December 23rd and made the following notation:

"6. Don Fuqua - Good"

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *mb*

SUBJECT: Congressional Mail


MEY

For your information, I am attaching the log of Congressional mail received on December 22.

This mail is being handled routinely by my office.

cc: Richard B. Cheney

House

1. James Scheuer Expresses concern over a press report asserting that the Department of State has been exerting pressure on the Dept. of Justice to refrain from actively prosecuting Bechtel. Says "such encroachment on the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice cannot be tolerated."
2. Marilyn Lloyd Expresses concern over a reported 50% cut being recommended by OMB in the proposed budget of the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency, which would seriously hurt her District.
3. James Abdnor Understands that a \$240 million proposed modernization of the Minuteman missiles at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota has been eliminated from funding DoD. Requests information on this and urges that the funds be restored.
4. Charles Rangel Requests that in the future the National Bar Association, the oldest Black legal organization in the U.S., also be included among those organizations called upon to review potential Supreme Court nominees.
5. Bill Frenzel Thinks it would be a great mistake if the Overseas Voters Bill is not signed.
6. Don Fuqua  Joins Olin Teague in urging that the Congressional Space Medal of Honor be awarded to Virgil Grissom, Roger Chaffee and Edward White II. Suggests that the award be made on January 27, 1976, "the anniversary of the date upon which these brave men lost their lives."
7. James Symington Hopes "you will consider both the past and future accomplishments made possible through Land and Water Conservation Program and recommends its full funding for Fiscal Year 1977." Points out that the program "has exemplified the new kind of federalism called for by a growing number of Americans."
8. Bill Nichols Expresses his concern, and that of local officials, over possible cuts in the land and water conservation fund for FY '77. "I know it is difficult to hold federal spending to a reasonable level when everyone is asking for their program to be fully funded, however, I would ask that the great benefits which this program has rendered be given every consideration as you and your staff deliberate on this budget request for FY '77."

House (continued)

9. Floyd Spence Opposes cutting Bureau of Outdoor Recreation land and water conservation funds from the FY '77 budget. Says this is one of the few Federal programs which benefit middle class Americans."
10. John Duncan Urges full funding for the land and water conservation fund in FY '77.
11. W. Henson Moore Recommends W.L. Fisher for the vacancy in the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Minerals and Energy.
12. Bill Nichols Urges consideration of the invitation to speak at Auburn University in April as part of the Bicentennial celebration. (He is a member of the Board of Trustees at the University.)
13. J.P. Hammerschmidt Urges approval of H.R. 4073, Appalachian Regional Development Act Amendments of 1975.

Senate

- 1S Carl Curtis, Strom Thurmond, James McClure, Jake Garn, Paul Fannin,
Roman Hruska
- Write expressing shock and dismay at Labor Secretary's remarks about common situs, as reported in the press on Dec. 18. Complain particularly about his "transparent invitation to violence" in the industry if the bill is vetoed and about his statement that he sees no reason why "the President should not sign this bill solely on its merits," implying that if it is vetoed it will be on some other basis than its merits.
- 2S Harrison Williams, Jr.
- Says since July his efforts and those of the co-sponsors of common situs legislation and the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare have been directed toward modifying the legislation "to meet the concerns you express." Points out the specific modifications. Indicates that if common situs is signed, "it is my intention as Chairman of the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, to carefully monitor the implementation of this legislation to make sure the protections contained in the bill are carefully carried out."
- 3S Dewey Bartlett
- Urges that the proposed USDA changes in beef grade standards be implemented immediately.
- 4S Lloyd Bentsen
- Hopes David Pickett, County Commission in Dallas, will be given careful consideration for appointment to the National Advisory Council on Vocational Education.
- 5S Ted Stevens
- Recommends G. Kent Edwards, U.S. Attorney for Alaska, for appointment as a member of the Federal Power Commission.
- 6S Ted Stevens
- Recommends Richard L. Spears, currently General Manager of the National Transportation Safety Board, to be a Member of this Board.

Senate (continued)

- 7S Paul Fannin Strongly urges the appointment of William Fisher, currently Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy at Interior, as Assistant Secretary for Energy and Minerals at Interior.
- 8S Strom Thurmond Recommends Frank Snead for appointment to the National Transportation Safety Board.
- 9S Strom Thurmond Recommends Harvard W. Powell for appointment to the National Transportation Safety Board.
- 10S Thomas McIntyre Requests letter of congratulations for Mrs. Philomene Roy on her 100th birthday.