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Jim -

I will hold here until matter resolved.

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

C. F.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 21, 1976

*HAYS*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M.L.F.*

SUBJECT: Hays Bill on the Federal Election Commission

Following the meeting Friday evening with the President on the Federal Elections Commission, a number of calls were made to the Republican Congressional leaders.

It was learned that Hays will open hearings at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, February 23.

Republicans will request a Committee vote be delayed for at least a day to study the bill, but Hays may force a vote on Monday.

If successful in Committee, Hays may try to bring the bill on the Floor the latter part of the week to meet the March 1 Supreme Court deadline.

Most Republican leaders contacted are strongly opposed to the Hays proposal.

Bill Frenzel - Opposed to the bill, but believes it would be better to try and work out something acceptable to avoid a Presidential veto.

Guy Vander Jagt - In the Bahamas this weekend and unreachable. Expressed total opposition before leaving.

John Anderson - Reached in Texas on a speaking engagement. Aware of Hays bill and totally opposed. Said he was putting out a statement against Hays bill and will go to work against it in the House.

Chuck Wiggins - Strongly opposed and will contest the Hays bill on Monday.

Bill Dickinson - Opposed and plans to fight the Hays bill.

Hugh Scott - Very alarmed about the Hays/Pell bill and recommends all-out opposition.

Ted Stevens - Expressed strong concern and opposition to the Hays/Pell bill. Already mobilizing the fight against the bill.

John Rhodes - Least concerned of any leader contacted. Not happy with the Hays bill, but believes we "might live with it." Acknowledges that Vander Jagt very concerned; but believes we should wait and see what legislation emerges from Committee.

Bill Steiger - Plaintiffs in the original suit have petitioned the Court for an additional 30 days to make the changes in the law (Supreme Court may rule on this Monday morning.). Steiger, however, disagrees with the President and may criticize our position. Steiger feels Congress should make changes in the law. His bill would raise contribution levels, but he is opposed to public financing.

Bob Michel - Thinks Hays bill is "awful." Plans to do everything he can to kill it.

Barber Conable - In bed with the flu. Staff says Barber is opposed and will do all he can to fight it.

Marjorie Holt - The Republican Study Group will go to work Monday morning and work against the bill in the House Administration Committee (She is a Member of the Committee.)

Jim Quillen - Definitely opposes the Hays bill, but wants the Commission abolished. Will oppose the Hays bill in Rules Committee.

Jim McClure - Unable to reach

Carl Curtis - Unable to reach

Sam Devine - Unable to reach

Joe Waggoner - Unable to reach

Jim Buckley - Doesn't like the Hays bill. (He is a plaintiff in the Supreme Court case and has indicated no objection if the Supreme Court grants a 30 day extension; Buckley, contrary to Steiger, says the plaintiffs are not pushing the 30 day extension, but would not object.)

Bob Griffin - Unable to reach thus far.

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WASHINGTON

February 21, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT:

Congressional Mail

The President reviewed your memorandum of February 20 and made the following notations:

Item 7 - Elford Cederberg "Yes"

Item 15 - Henry Bellmon  
Dewey Bartlett "Maybe"

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Jerry Jones  
Dick Cheney

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 20, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF

SUBJECT: Congressional Mail

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For your information, I am attaching the log of Congressional mail received on February 19.

This mail is being handled routinely by my office.

cc: Richard B. Cheney

President's Mail - February 19, 1976

House

1. John Dent, Leonor Sullivan, Joseph Addabbo, Mendel Davis, Carroll Hubbard, John Dingell, Robert Roe, Robert Mollohan, Robert Nix, Gus Yatron, James Hanley, Joseph Gaydos, Leo Zeferetti, John Murtha, Thomas Morgan, Frank Thompson, Joshua Eilberg, Wayne Hays, Joseph Vigorito, Tom Bevill, Stewart McKinney, Dominick Daniels, Paul Sarbanes, Charles Carney (for a total of 24 co-signers)


Urge acceptance, without change, of the International Trade Commission's recommendations with regard to imports of stainless and alloy tool steel products.

2. Robert Kastenmeier, Chairman, Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties, and the Administration of Justice; and Thomas Railsback, Ranking Minority Member on this Subcommittee.

Write in regard to the February 18 news conference in which the President stated that he expected to meet soon with Congressional leaders to map out legislation to provide judicial safeguards against electronic surveillance and mail openings, and that he had recommended that the Attorney General work with Congress to establish legislation requiring court approval of wiretapping in national security cases. Note that the Department of Justice informed them on June 26, 1975, that the Executive branch opposed any requirement of judicial approval in national security electronic surveillance situations. "We commend you for reversing this position and look forward to working with you, the Attorney General and other Members of Congress, in developing better controls on national security surveillance. To that end, we are enclosing draft legislation embodying our latest efforts to provide judicial oversight of national security wiretapping while at the same time leaving room for the legitimate needs of the intelligence community. We expect that our subcommittee will act favorably on this draft in the near future, and with your support it could soon become law, bringing to a prompt close the current national debate on this issue."

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House

3. Caldwell Butler Notes that H.R. 6184, the bankruptcy judges salary bill, has been sent to the White House for signature and that, although it received overwhelming support in both Houses, the Judicial Conference is recommending a veto. Says "in my opinion H.R. 6184 is sorely needed to prevent further deterioration of a depleted bankruptcy bench.
4. Charles Mosher Sends lengthy letter regarding the salvage ship HUGHES GLOMAR EXPLORER. Believes other agencies besides GSA should be involved in making a decision on its disposition and believes the deadline for such a decision should be extended.
5. Larry McDonald Says the farmers in Georgia desperately need to stop the onrush of fire ants, but that the only company producing the effective agent (MIREX) to control the infestation has stopped production, pending the outcome of hearings. "It is therefore my request that you consider taking steps to suspend these hearings and not let the Environmental Protection Agency be the sole determiner as to whether or not MIREX is a causing agent, since as a physician myself, I know how little any doctor knows about cancer causing agents."
6. David Treen Says he shares the concern of the Louisiana Oil Marketers Association that price and allocation controls on wholesale and retail marketing of petroleum products should be ended as soon as possible.
7. Elford Cederberg He and his wife extend an invitation to the President and Mrs. Ford to join in his birthday party at the Sheraton Carlton Hotel on March 4. "Peg and I very much appreciated your presence at the party when you were Vice President and your graciousness in doing the honors during the birthday cake cutting."  

8. Bill Wampler Hopes the President will proclaim by executive authority National Rural Health Week April 4-10. Says legislation was introduced in the House and Senate to accomplish this, but it will probably not pass in time.
9. Charlie Rose He and his wife deeply appreciated the President's thoughtful words of sympathy during the loss of their daughter.



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10. Skip Bafalis                      Endorses request of the Christian Broadcasting Network that the National Day of Prayer Proclamation be issued this year on April 29 from Virginia Beach.
11. John Murphy                      Recommends William C. Somerville for the Interstate Commerce Commission.
12. Jack Brooks                      Recommends Ben G. Levissee for the National Credit Union Board.
13. Parren Mitchell                      Recommends J. B. Marion for the Metric Board.
14. Larry Pressler                      Recommends Dr. Norman Heimstra for the National Highway Transportation Safety Advisory Commission.
15. Bob Eckhardt                      Recommends Walter Kerr to be the chairman of the National Advisory Council for Vocational Education.
16. Marilyn Lloyd                      Endorses invitation to address the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in Dallas in May.
17. Guy Vander Jagt                      Endorses invitation to be the Commencement speaker for the Thornapple Kellogg High School of Middleville, Michigan, on May 23.
18. Romano Mazzoli                      Expresses appreciation for the pen marking the signing of the blackbird control legislation for Tennessee and Kentucky.
19. Tom Steed                          Sends, on behalf of the second grade class of the Acme School in Shawnee, the replica of the Betsy Ross flag made by the class.

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Senate

- 1S Henry Bellmon  
Dewey Bartlett
- Maybe*
- Extend invitation to the President and Mrs. Ford to join with the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation in paying tribute to Senator John McClellan at a reception in the Senate Caucus Room March 3. The reception is to celebrate the Senator's 80th birthday and "will also be the official observance of the opening of the Tulsa Port of Catoosa, signalling completion of the Arkansas River Navigation System. It was Senator McClellan and the late Senator Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma who were most responsible for this largest public works project in our nation's history."
- 2S Charles Mathias
- Extends, on behalf of the Montgomery County Chambers of Commerce and the Montgomery County Bicentennial Commission, an invitation to address a business, industry and community luncheon on September 7.
- 3S Wendell Ford
- Endorses invitation to address the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in Dallas in May.
- 4S Russell Long
- Endorses invitation to address the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in Dallas in May.